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Higher water rates eyed

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REPORTER

Customers of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. should brace themselves for a new rate hike—this time from the water and wastewater division.

A petition to increase water and wastewater rates is all but assured after CUC chief financial officer Charles Warren disclosed yesterday that the division's operating losses the past eight months ending May 31, 2011 has already amounted to \$2.8 million.

Broken down, the operating loss for water is \$1.1 million, while wastewater losses amount to \$1.7 million.

"We are still working on the details of

the rate petition, so no absolute numbers are available right now," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Any rate hike, however, will still have to be approved by the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission. The commission last approved a rate hike for water and wastewater in May 2010.

CUC records show that the agency has an operational budget of just \$11.7 million for water, compared to the \$13.3 million expenses already incurred to date.

For wastewater, overall operational expenditure is already at \$9.2 million, exceeding the allotted budget of \$8.2 million for the entire fiscal year—a shortfall of \$1.1 million.

Among the biggest expenditures for the division are salaries and wages of personnel, with a combined cost of \$2.8 million; requirements under a stipulated order, with a combined \$2.1 million; and other production, \$6.9 million. The stipulated order requires CUC to meet certain requirements in order to become compliant with the Clean Water Act.

According to Warren, the CPUC had already recognized the need to cover all expenses of the water and wastewater division.

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Searches will now be based on tips

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REPORTER

Search operations for missing sisters Faloma and Maleina Luhk will now be driven largely by tips that come in, according to the police.

There was no word yesterday if the Department of Public Safety and the FBI did a search to locate the Luhk sisters.

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WAITING FOR A PRIZE

A boy points to a favored prize after winning at a target shooting booth, wherein patrons use a water gun aimed at miniature clowns to help inflate a balloon, on the Liberation Day carnival grounds at the Garapan Fishing Base. The carnival grounds will run until July 10.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

\$5 to \$25 fee on NMI-bound cargo, passengers pushed

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If a newly-pre-filed bill becomes law, passengers and cargo bound for the CNMI will be charged a customs and quarantine service fees ranging from \$5 to \$25 to cover the cost of processing documents and physical inspections at all ports of entry.

Rep. Ray Yumul (R-Saipan) said his House Bill 17-199 should be able to generate over \$3 million annually, which is necessary to ensure that general fund resource is given "to where it is badly needed most."

These include the restoration of regular working hours or 80 hours biweekly instead of 64, on-time payroll, and the

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Yumul

Ex-CTC chair Fitzgerald gets paroled

» **Board of Parole denies parole request of man convicted of murdering cousin**

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James Michael P. Fitzgerald, former chairman of the defunct Commonwealth Telecommunications Commission, was granted parole yesterday some two years after being sentenced to five years for

stealing \$88,000 from the commission.

The Board of Parole also denied parole to Oscar Reyes Babauta, placed under review the parole application of Elaine Quitugua Terlaje, and revoked the parole granted to Ignacio M. Leon Guerrero.

The six-member board chaired by Ramon B. Camacho deliberated yesterday

on the four cases after completing its hearing on Fitzgerald's application. The board heard the applications of Babauta and Terlaje on Wednesday.

Parole chief Joseph T. Guerrero said Fitzgerald was granted parole, with some conditions that he must comply with.

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Senate backs Guam's quest for self-determination

» **OKs bill returning OPM to Civil Service**

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
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The Senate adopted on Tinian yesterday a joint resolution supporting Guam's quest for self-determination, and passed a bill that would return the Office of Personnel Management under the Civil Service Commission.

Guam is embarking on a serious effort to address its political status through the ascribed processes of the United Nations and the U.S. Congress.

This comes at a time when separate pending bills in Guam and the CNMI seek to ask voters in the next election if they support a CNMI and Guam reunification.

Rep. Joseph Palacios (R-Saipan) said he is also waiting for the results of the Northern Marianas College students' ongoing non-binding survey on the reunification proposal.

Senate floor leader Pete Reyes (R-Saipan) and Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota), authors of Senate Joint Resolution 17-5, said that Guam has

asked the support of its Pacific family on issues where a path to Guam's self-determination is concerned.

Unlike the CNMI, which is a self-governing territory with its own Constitution, Guam is an organized unincorporated territory of the United States, a colonial status that has not changed.

Personnel policies

The Senate also passed Senate Vice President Jude Hofschneider's (R-Tinian) bill seeking to remove the governor's power to administer personnel policies and bring it back to the Civil Service Commission.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said this is a move that the administration supported during its first term in office.

"It is more efficient to have a centralized point for the handling of personnel matters," Demapan told *Saipan Tribune*.

Senate Bill 17-62 seeks to restore a non-partisan and independent civil service system that Article 20 of the CNMI Constitution requires.

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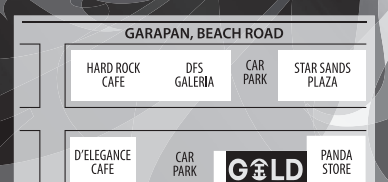
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Health corporation to absorb unpaid wages of Rota nurses

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Rota Mayor Melchor Mendiola said yesterday that the municipality still owes its nurses over \$100,000 in unpaid wages since last year but, with the expected transfer of the Rota Health Center from the municipality to the Public Health Corporation, he said these past dues will be absorbed and shouldered by the new corporation.

Starting Oct. 1, both the Rota and Tinian health centers will function as divisions of the corporation, along with the Commonwealth Health Center. The corporation will operate as an

independent department administered by a board.

Unlike the Tinian mayor, Mendiola is willing to let go of the center, saying the Department of Public Health is the right agency to manage its operations.

"For me, it would be beneficial if all health centers will function under one management and that's the corporation. I believe this will ensure that direct assistance and direct placement of staff will be met," Mendiola told *Saipan Tribune*.

He assured, though, that the municipality would still monitor the Rota Health Center to make sure island residents get

their needed treatment.

Under the present setup, municipalities on Tinian and Rota have jurisdiction over their health centers and provide the annual budget for their operation. The Department of Public Health only provides medical and technical assistance if needed.

Last week, Public Health Secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez said that a comprehensive evaluation of all health centers on three islands is ongoing. The findings, he said, will determine the actual staffing and budget needs of each center.

Mendiola said the Rota

Health Center currently has eight nurses and two physicians.

The municipality's past dues cover the salary of the five nurses hired from the Saipan Employment Agency and Ser-

vices, he said. The three other nurses were hired directly for the center.

In March, the Fitial administration placed Rota Health Center under a state of emergency to

be able to reprogram \$50,000 so it could pay the nurses.

Meantime, the Tinian Health Center has about 15 nurses while CHC has 175 nurses on-board.

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Villegas upbeat about results of BizGrowth Challenge

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The low turnout for the BizGrowth Challenge Launch Symposium yesterday doesn't make it a failure, according to organizer Rik Villegas.

"I don't feel like it's a failure. I think there's a lot learned, a lot that we've done. If there's a next time, then we'll definitely be better prepared," said the business owner, consultant, and instructor.

Only two government agencies and two private organizations showed up at the second day of the BizGrowth Challenge Launch Symposium held at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

"We didn't do breakout sessions but we did the training until about 5pm. We still gave them more than their money's worth because there were tons of materials and a lot of good information," said Villegas.

With only a few participants, Vil-

legas said he will no longer conduct the "competitive challenge" wherein participating businesses will be evaluated every two weeks based on the BizGrowth Challenge's six dimensions of innovation and growth, marketing strength, professional development, operational capability, stakeholder relationships, and financial improvement.

The evaluation, Villegas said, was intended to identify the participants' areas of strengths and weaknesses that they would use to develop a simple

game plan to focus on and improve in certain areas.

"However, I will still develop the materials and give that out to those people and they could still do that on their own," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Villegas admitted that the BizGrowth Challenge "was put together pretty fast." "There's a lot of things that could've been done if there's more time."

He said he plans to talk to more people to find out what they like should they do the Challenge again.

Villegas added that the \$97 fee for yesterday's symposium will only be used to cover the cost for the event.

"It wasn't so much about making money but just to cover costs. It was more of helping the community which I was trying to do," he said.

If there's one thing he's happy about the symposium, Villegas said it was the better participation on the workshop conducted by the Northern Marianas College Cooperative Research Extension and Education Services.

"It generated a lot of interest. People really got thinking about the future of agriculture in the islands," he added.

Bordallo reacts to Obama plan for troop drawdown in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Guam Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo issued yesterday the following statement following President Barack Obama's address outlining his plan to reduce U.S. forces in Afghanistan:

"Our nation's effort to combat terrorism in the Afghan region has been a long and costly mission," said Bordallo. "Several of our island's sons and

daughters have sacrificed much, and we must always remember those who paid the ultimate price in defense of our freedom. There is a strong sentiment in Congress that it is time to begin a transition for the Afghan people to take control of their country's security. While there remain questions on the pace of the drawdown, I believe the President has made a solid proposal, and we will

examine all the details when they become available. The President's plan gives enough flexibility to adjust the schedule of the drawdown should conditions on the ground warrant it next summer. Otherwise it is time for our nation to signal the Afghan people that there will not be an indefinite deployment of American troops in their country. As the President mentioned, the primary purpose of defeating Al Qaeda has essentially been accomplished, and it is now up to Afghanistan to ensure its own security." (PR)

FITZGERALD

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Fitzgerald's wife spoke to support the grant of her husband's parole. Nobody opposed his application.

In November 2008, the then 53-year-old Fitzgerald pleaded guilty to five counts of theft involving a total of \$16,591.66. He was sentenced in March 2009 to five years in prison, two years of which shall be served without parole.

Superior Court associate judge David A. Wiseman also required Fitzgerald, among other conditions, to pay the CNMI government \$88,202.92 in restitution.

In Babauta's case, the board decided that releasing Babauta at this time "would belittle the seriousness of his crime and promote disrespect for the law."

Babauta pleaded guilty in February 2002 to murder in the second degree for shooting his cousin, Jose Boki Babauta, with a rifle on Feb. 1, 1997. Babauta was sentenced to 27 years in prison.

During Wednesday's hearing at the

Department of Corrections, Babauta assured the board there would be no more bloodshed in the Babauta clan if he is granted parole.

"I promise I will follow all the things that the board will require me to do. There will be no guns. I will be gun-free," said Babauta, who said he was a certified sharpshooter when he was in military service. "I want peace to everybody."

Saipan Tribune learned that seven persons testified in support of Babauta's application.

The board also gave the victim's side 30 minutes to testify.

Among the seven persons who testified for the victim's side was the victim's wife, who now lives in the U.S. mainland. She testified via teleconference.

Board member Rose Hocog-Ada stated that their main concern is public safety. She said they received letters asking the board to deny Babauta's parole application, but they also got letters supporting his parole.

In Terlaje's case, parole chief Guerrero said the board's decision is under review and will be provided once it is

completed. *Saipan Tribune* learned that the board is reviewing the court's order with respect to restitution.

Four persons and some family members came to support Terlaje's parole. No one appeared at the hearing to oppose her application.

Terlaje is a former Commonwealth Utilities Corp. Credit and Collections Division supervisor who was sentenced in February 2009 to three years in prison for her involvement in a disconnection scam.

At Terlaje's sentencing, Judge Ramona V. Manglona had said that Terlaje shall not be eligible for parole until she has served at least two years in prison, has made full restitution, and has complied with all the terms of the plea agreement.

Leon Guerrero on the other hand, waived his right to a revocation hearing.

The board determined that Leon Guerrero failed to comply with the condition of his parole and has engaged in another criminal activity.

Leon Guerrero was arrested in May 2007 for allegedly burglarizing the Hakubotan Building in Chalan Laulau.

the bill says.

Customs and Agriculture's combined funding needs is about \$3 million annually. This annual budget does not include \$475,000 for customs, immigration and quarantine reimbursement for airport overtime to which the Legislature has had to transfer out the past two fiscal years through the respective budget laws.

Customs' seaport branch alone processes 3,000 to 4,000 documents per month.

HB 17-199 says this office has not been able to charge any minimal fees for the document processing for all activities of both the inbound and outbound of cargo, making it difficult for the division to buy supplies to sustain its activities.

"This paperwork activity is in addition to the division's primary duty as first-line enforcement officers to safeguard the Commonwealth's interests against contrabands and to ensure that all goods, commodities or merchandise entering into the CNMI is properly declared," the bill adds.

The bill also seeks to impose a \$5 document charge on the consignee for each consignment of cargo arriving in the CNMI through seaports, and \$25 upon each consignee for consolidated consignments of cargo.

Yumul is set to formally introduce the bill during the next session.

The bill, however, exempts from the charges passengers and cargo that are normally not subject to customs and agriculture inspection from travel originating and ending within the CNMI. Also exempted are U.S. military aircraft and sea vessels normally not subject to customs and agriculture inspection.

No longer

Over the years, Finance's Division of Customs and DLNR's Division of Agriculture conduct inspections and documentation of all goods, commodities or merchandise entering and exiting the CNMI.

"This activity can no longer be paid solely by CNMI taxpayers through the annual general appropriations alone,"

Lawmakers also testifying in DC on federalization matters

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At least two lawmakers—one from the House and the Senate—could testify in Washington, D.C. on July 14 during a congressional oversight hearing on the implementation of the federalization law and a bill giving "CNMI-only resident status" for four specific groups of people.

House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) said he is likely to send Rep. Fred Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), chairman of the Committee on Foreign and Federal Relations.

Deleon Guerrero, who also testified at a similar hearing in the nation's capital last year, said he will be glad to represent the CNMI House of Representatives at the oversight hearing on the implementation of U.S. Public Law

110-229 and Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan's H.R. 1466.

"The bigger issue here is the implementation of the federalization law. I also hope that the worker regulations will be released by that time," he said.

Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota), in a separate interview, said whether or not the Senate sends a representative to Washington, D.C., they will submit a written testimony.

Rep. John Fleming (R-LA), chairman of the House Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs, sent out invitations to select individuals, including Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, to hear their views on the implementation of PL 110-229 and the need for H.R. 1466.

Fitial plans to attend the hearing to testify on behalf of the CNMI government.

SEARCHES

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Press secretary Angel Demapan told *Saipan Tribune* that there are no "Operation Hope" updates at this time for public disclosure.

When asked if there will be searches by volunteers this weekend, Demapan said this will be done only if any discovery warrants a search of a particular location.

"Thus, if anything is to occur over the weekend, it will be a result of such," he said.

Many volunteers had joined DPS officers, particularly on weekends, to look for the missing sisters since their mysterious disappearance on May 25 in As Teo.

With the return of FBI special agents and support staff to Hawaii and DPS moving the Incident Command Post

in Kagman to its main headquarters in Susupe, it is not clear whether there will still be volunteers showing up this weekend.

On Wednesday, DPS teams searched the Kalabera Cave, the Bird Island cliff line in Marpi, and the Kagman watershed known as Education Island, but still failed to find any trace of the Luhks.

As to how much the government will be paying in overtime costs for the search, Demapan said the actual figure is still being processed.

"Like all other payroll expenses, the funding source for this expenditure would be the general fund," he said.

DPS Commissioner Ramon Mafnas had earlier estimated the overtime costs to reach half a million dollars.

Despite the \$50,000 cash reward for information on the Luhk sisters, tips and leads have slowed down, the FBI earlier said.

require an increase in the water and wastewater charges. We're taking many steps to improve pumping efficiencies and water delivery, which will help to reduce power consumption," said Warren, adding that the utilities corporation is in the middle of preparing the analyses for the upcoming rate case. "We'll know what the total requirements are when those analyses are complete."

At the last CPUC meeting, CUC was expected to present the new rate case in July.

At present, CPUC cannot function due to a lack of members. Viola Alepuyo is currently the only commissioner but her authority to rule on behalf of the entire commission already expired last June 7. The commission requires at least two members to function.

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"At the last CPUC water/wastewater rate decision and order, the commission recognized that the wastewater rates approved during that session may not be adequate to cover the expenses of the division, and therefore authorized the water division to advance funds to the wastewater division if needed," explained Warren.

He said electricity is the single largest expense of both the water and wastewater divisions.

The CPUC had just approved an increase in the levelized energy adjustment clause rate in response to the higher cost of fuel.

"These higher rates will most likely

FEE

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payment of overtime for customs and quarantine inspectors, he said.

In an interview yesterday, Yumul said these are only "initial charges" until the Department of Finance and the Department of Lands and Natural Resources come up with the regulations.

Under Yumul's bill, every airline passenger landing at CNMI airports will be levied a \$6.50 passenger charge for customs and agriculture documentation and inspection services.

A document charge of \$5 will be imposed on each consignee or other applicable party for each consignment of cargo landing in the CNMI.

A \$25 charge will also be levied on each consignee or other applicable party for consolidated consignments of cargo landing in the CNMI.

For ship passengers arriving at CNMI seaports, a passenger charge of \$10 will be levied.

Senate to hold 5 public hearings on Article 12 initiative

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Public input will be solicited before the Senate acts on an initiative seeking to ask voters whether they want to continue or repeal Article 12 of the CNMI Constitution, which restricts land ownership to persons of Northern Marianas descent.

Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) has tasked the Committee on Resources, Economic Development and Program to conduct public hearings on Senate Legislative Initiative 17-10 in July.

Manglona, author of the initiative, said there will be three public hearings on Saipan, and one each on Rota and Tinian.

The Senate did not act on the initiative during yesterday's session on Tinian.

"We would like to get public

input about the initiative before we act on it," Manglona said in a phone interview from Tinian.

SLI 17-10 needs at least seven votes to pass the Senate. It is not yet known whether the initiative will muster at least seven votes among nine members.

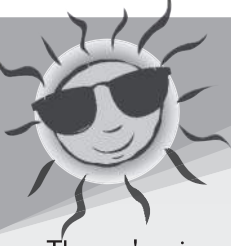


Manglona

Once it passes the Senate, it also has to get at least three-fourths of the 21 members of the House.

After it clears the Legislature, it will then be presented to voters in the next election.

Section 805 of the Covenant allows the CNMI to revisit its land alienation restrictions 25 years after the termination of the Trusteeship Agreement in 1986. That 25-year period will end this year. This means next year, the CNMI can start deciding on whether to repeal or maintain the land alienation provision of the Constitution.



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Monthlong intro plan for new NMC prexy done

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
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REPORTER

The Board of Regents and the transition team of the Northern Marianas College have finalized the schedule of activities for its incoming president, Dr. Sharon Hart, who will report for work in the first week of July.

The schedule, presented by interim president Lorraine T. Cabrera to the board, showed an almost monthlong orientation and



Hart

introduction for the new president.

On her first day of employment on July

5, Hart is slated to meet with the regents and the college management team prior to an afternoon schedule that includes a courtesy call on Gov. Benigno R. Fitial.

Early morning the next day, Hart is scheduled to address college students, employees, and faculty in a general assembly at Room D-1.

Based on the same list of activities, the new president is also expected to meet with the college council, NMC Foundation, and alumni to discuss her developmental plans for the college and its students.

On July 11, Hart will have a meeting via video teleconference with regional college presidents. She is also expected to visit NMC's instructional site on Tinian the next day.

On July 14, Hart will visit NMC's Rota instructional site and address employees and students on campus.

In last week's board meeting, regents approved Hart's participation in the three-day annual Pacific Postsecondary Education Council in Pohnpei from July 18 to 20. Interim president Lorraine Cabrera emphasized the importance of Hart's participation in the event. The PPEC is composed of chief executive officers and presidents of the region's colleges and universities and serves as a forum to address common issues and to foster cooperation in solving common problems facing students—and on a broader level—the people of the Pacific region.

Hart is also slated to meet with Education Commissioner Rita Sablan on July 25 while she is scheduled to speak at the Saipan Rotary Club on July 26. The new president is also slated to speak at the Chamber of Commerce and meet with members of the Legislature soon.

Hart replaced Carmen Fernandez who was fired by the board in April 2010 due to allegations of wrongdoings.

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Time lapses before House could act on PUC nominee

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REPORTER

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's March 21 nomination of Ignacio L. Perez to serve on the Public Utilities Commission representing Tinian lapsed on June 22 without action from the House of Representatives.

Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan), chairman of the House Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communication, said Wednesday he is no longer scheduling a public hearing on Perez's nomination because it has already lapsed.

Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-

Saipan), at the same time, said the contents of Perez's resume and statement of financial interests are problematic. Among other things, he has several overlapping work history dates.

While the governor nominated Perez on March 21, the Fitial administration provided supporting documents only on June 8. These documents include a copy of Perez's resume, statement of financial interest filed with the Office of the Public Auditor, police clearance, receipt of drug testing, and result of drug testing.

The Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and

Governmental Investigations held a public hearing on Perez's nomination on June 7, even before receiving the supporting documents from the administration.

Barely a few days later or on June 13, the Senate confirmed Perez's nomination.

The House, which also needs to confirm Perez's nomination, assigned the PUTC to immediately review the nomination.

Besides the problematic resume and statement of financial interest and the short window of opportunity to hold a public hearing and review the nomination, the House was also unable to hold a session last week

and early this week because six members were in Palau or were just returning from the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures' general assembly.

Some lawmakers expressed concern that with Perez's nomination allowed to lapse, PUC will continue to have only one commissioner, Viola Alepuyo. There used to be three commissioners: Alepuyo, Kimberly King-Hinds, and Kyle Calabrese.

Had he been confirmed, Perez would have served the remainder of the term of King-Hinds. That term expires on Feb. 6, 2012. Calabrese resigned from the commission.



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A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

June 24, 1999

Was WASC trip really necessary?

Three ranking officials of the Northern Marianas College recently flew to California for training in accreditation standards and Rep. Stanley Torres wants to know if the trip was really necessary. In a letter to officials of the Western Association for Schools and Colleges, Torres stressed that he is ready to support the NMC and its WASC accreditation but he needs to be convinced that the trip was of utmost necessity for him to throw his support behind the college. The letter was addressed to WASC Senior Division executive director Dr. Ralph Wolff and Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges executive director Dr. Barbara Beno.

Plans are afoot to extend cable services on Rota

Plans are now underway to extend cable television services to areas on Rota that are currently not being serviced by KMCV. In line with this, the Rota Legislative Delegation is now trying to find the needed \$58,000 for the completion of the project. Delegation chair Sen. Ricardo S. Atalig, together with other members of the Rota delegation, met with KMCV general manager Steve Coleman and representatives of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. Thursday last week to map out the details of the proposed project. "We are trying to extend cable services to Sinpalu II and III and the KMCV general manager, Steve Coleman, told us that the actual amount needed to extend this service is about \$58,000 and he's asking the delegation if we can identify funding for this," said Atalig.

June 24, 2003

CPA reviewing Taga Air's charter service proposal

The Commonwealth Ports Authority is currently reviewing a proposal submitted by newly commissioned Taga Air, a recently incorporated aircraft firm that would provide air transport services between Saipan and Tinian. Taga Air Charter Service Inc. president Raja Segaran said the company is proposing to run a demand air taxi operation in the Commonwealth, beginning with service between Tinian and Saipan, using a Piper PA 32-300 aircraft. Segaran said all documents, including a Federal Aviation Administration Part 135 application, have already been submitted to the Honolulu Flight Standard Office. The FAA Part 135 certification usually takes 60 days, he said.

MRC bill recall raises questions

To this day, Sen. Ramon S. Guerrero wonders why Senate President Paul A. Manglona pushed to recall the MRC-government settlement measure without even consulting him, being the chairman of the Senate Resources, Economic Development and Programs. It was his committee that conducted the public hearing on the settlement measure, called House Bill 13-267. Guerrero is also curious to know why the bill was not promptly addressed after it was recalled, as required under Senate rules. "I am going to request for a reason why, as chairman, I was not consulted about the decision to recall," he said yesterday.

June 24, 2004

BOE unaware of Lab School talks

Board of Education chair Roman Benavente said the board is unaware of any talks regarding the proposed transfer of College Lab School to the Public School System. "I would want to be briefed on this issue. This has not been raised to the board," said Benavente, adding that he would ask Education Commissioner Rita H. Inos about it. Acting Northern Marianas College president Antonio V. Deleon Guerrero earlier said that NMC and PSS are in "exploratory discussions" regarding the possible transfer of the Lab School to PSS. He said that initial talks indicated Tanapag as possible venue for the Lab School. "That's the suggestion of PSS because Tanapag has available rooms and it has less students compared to other schools," Guerrero had said.

EPA approves grant for garment factories

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has approved a grant application that would assist garment factories on Saipan manage their wastes properly. EPA Pacific Islands Office manager John McCarroll announced the approval of the grant application for the "Green Garments" project, a partnership between the Division of Environmental Quality and the Saipan Garment Manufacturers Association, during the 23rd Pacific Islands Environment Conference at the Dai-Ichi Hotel Saipan Beach. SGMA executive director Richard Pierce expressed the association's gratitude to the EPA, although no grant amount was disclosed yet.



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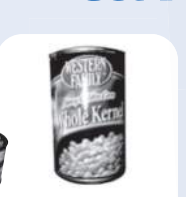
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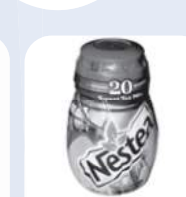
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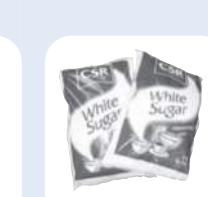
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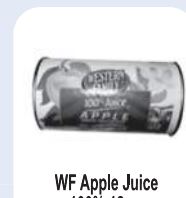
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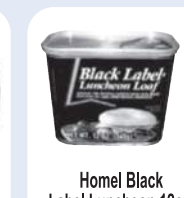
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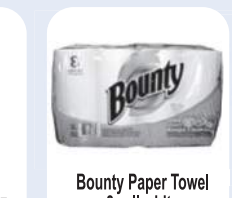
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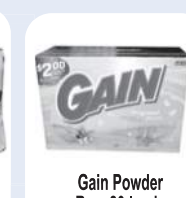
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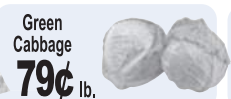
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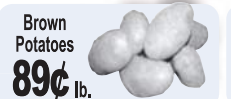
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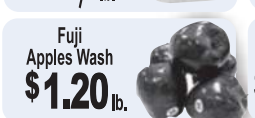
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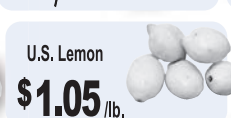
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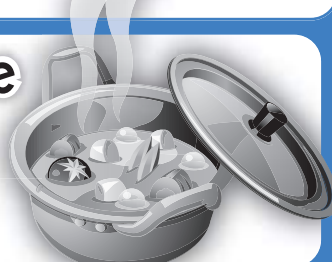
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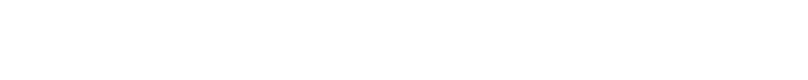
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The Internet is forcing us to rethink ethics

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Democratic Rep. Anthony Weiner is gone from Congress, so perhaps we'll stop hearing so much about his Internet habits. But his distribution of a lewd photo and online sex talk with women other than his wife does leave behind ethical issues for the rest of us to ponder.

They start with this question: To what degree is a sin still a sin?

Jesus said to look at a woman with lust was like committing adultery. Applying that standard to the Internet, what happens online "counts" as much as what happens physically between two people.

Or, as my young daughter said, just because you're on the Internet, you don't have the right to blackmail someone.

But sexual ethics and blackmail are hardly the only ways the World Wide Web is forcing a rethinking of ethical issues. The next biggest challenge comes from the Internet's highly individualized nature.

Social networking is, by nature, hyper-democratic. People tweet. They Facebook. They blog. In each case, the individual is supreme.

There's much to like about that democratization, especially when individuals take down unjust, tyrannical regimes. But society also is atomizing because of the Internet.

That's not all good, especially when you get into questions about what's ethical. If the only standards are the ones we define for ourselves, we risk having no community mores. And that opens the door to social chaos.

William Lawrence, the dean and professor of American Church History at Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology, seized on this point during a recent discussion of the Weiner case on The Dallas Morning News' Texas Faith blog. Lawrence wrote:

"Precisely because these new forms of social media are so highly atomized and individualized, we run the risk that every writer and every reader is the creator of her or his own ethical standards. When that happens, social media are not managing to connect us as a society. Instead, they are managing to disconnect us from one another.

"It is not simply that new ethical standards need to be written in our age. It is also that we need to determine how to establish ethical standards that apply to more persons than solely the individuals who write them."

Absolutely. And there is no wand to wave here. Making sure that tweeting, Facebooking and blogging does not dumb down shared standards requires a renewal of an old-fashioned virtue: restraint.

Nearly all the Texas Faith panelists who responded to a question about how the Internet has forced us to rethink ethics pointed to the speed at which we can get ourselves in trouble in cyberspace. In olden days, which means before the 'Net arrived, people actually wrote letters. They also had time to find a stamp, lick an envelope, go to the post office—each of which gave the sender time to think whether he or she actually wanted to send the letter, particularly an angry or Weiner-like missive.

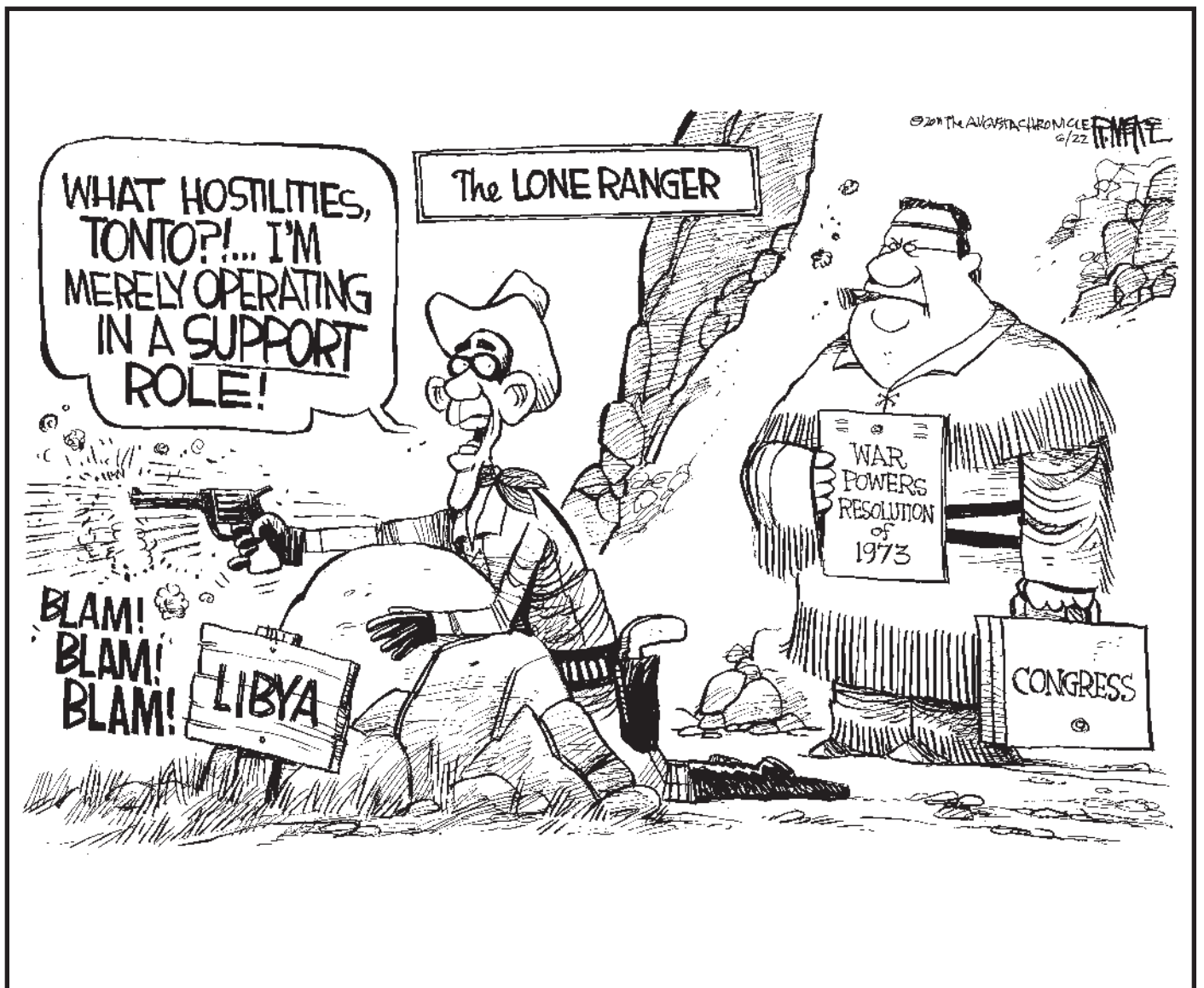
Not so much today. You write. You send. All in a flash.

The good news is that we're not automatons. We're human beings with free will to make choices. Making the right calls on the Internet starts with thinking before we send.

Here's one more point to consider: The Internet keeps alive our "sins" long after they are over. Cynthia Rigby, the W.C. Brown Professor of Theology at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, describes the new reality this way:

"One of the ways the Internet forces us to rethink ethical stan-

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King Sejong the Great

It's time for another random glance at the arms race on Saipan's back yard. I've got a cool warship to look at today: South Korea's King Sejong the Great-class of guided missile destroyers. Three of them have been built, and more might be on the way.

Though South Korea is geographically small, this ship is no mere coastal-patrol rubber-ducky. This is a blue-water ship to be sure, and it just might be a world-class warship.

It's a big destroyer, displacing about 8,500 tons. Yes, that's how ships are measured: tons of displacement. It's sort of a squishy benchmark, depending on how loaded-down the ship is, and on how the class evolves, so any figures I throw at you are ballpark.

To put this in perspective, I'll mention some famous U.S. classes of destroyers. The Fletcher-class destroyers of WWII fame, well-represented in the glory days of the west Pacific battles, were about 2,050 tons.

Fast-forward to what I consider the first modern destroyer, the Spruance class, which was, for the time, an eye-poppingly large 7,800 tons. This was a Cold War baby that saw service from 1975 to 2005.

Yet more modern times brought us the Arleigh Burke-class of guided missile destroyers, which rule the waves to this day, and examples of which I've seen docked on Saipan. These ships displace around 9,200 tons or so, though I believe more recent examples are heavier.

South Korea's King Sejong the Great is, I guess, kinda' sorta' their version of the Arleigh Burke class. We're talking high-tech from propulsion, to electronics, to weapons systems.

The state-of-the-art way to propel a destroyer, and other ships of roughly similar size, is to use big jet engines slaved to reduction gears that, in turn, drive the screws (props). These screws, incidentally, are variable-pitch, sort of like airplane propellers, so there's some crossover here between aviation stuff and nautical stuff.

But it's not a perfect crossover, since when you put a jet engine in a ship it's not called a jet engine anymore, it's called a "gas turbine." Egads, if there's one thing you can count on in life, it's that aviators, mariners, and landlubbers never agree on terminology for anything. Anyway, the real star of this realm is the General Electric LM2500, which, in airplane duty, is the CF6 model of engines for widebody planes. The King Sejong the Great class has four LM2500 engines.

Warships are like chess pieces, and are designed to project, and be protected by, their peers. Linking these elements together electronically is a big deal, so what they see and what they do can be shared and coordinated in combat. One such method is the "Aegis" system used by the U.S. and selected allies. The

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King Sejong the Great class is Aegis-equipped, so it's part of the big leagues. For you naval buffs I'll note it has SPY-1D phased array radar. Yep, the good stuff!

The ships can accommodate two helicopters, which are used for all sorts of things, including anti-submarine warfare (ASW).

When it comes to weapons, which is pretty much the whole point of this gig to begin with, well, we're talking mondo missiles here. The class boasts a Vertical Launch System (VLS) capacity of 128 missiles.

They've also seen fit to include a single five-inch gun forward. Sensibly enough, it's the same proven 5"/54 cal. Mark 45 that's been around for decades now.

Hey, let's hit that last point since nobody seems to write about naval gunnery these days; missiles are shiny and glamorous and get all the press. Remember those small old WWII Fletcher-class destroyers I mentioned? They stuffed five, count 'em, five five-inch guns on those things, which is one reason they were so top-heavy and not very sea-worthy. The Spruance class, incidentally, had two; one forward, one aft. Arleigh Burke class: Just one five-inch gun.

So you can see the trend here; gunnery is ever-diminishing, but not gone. Well, not yet, anyway. Five-inch guns are the true masters of multi-tasking. Anti-aircraft, check. Anti-ship, check. Anti-bad guy when your troops are hitting the beach and need artillery support, check. Indeed, so much has changed since the Battle of Saipan, and yet so little has changed, too.

OK, enough of that little sermon, as enlightening as it was. Back to the King Sejong the Great class. Its other weapons include various smaller guns, dedicated anti-ship missile launchers, torpedoes; you know, the usual stuff. The ships are 544 feet long and use a crew of 300 to 400, which is one heck of a nebulous range but it's all I could find.

I'll put a link or two at the "Ed's latest column" part of my website so you can see more about this class of ship, including photos. After all, Saipan's nautical neighborhood is getting more interesting by the day, so it's always polite to meet the new neighbors.

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Issues and ideas for NMC board consideration

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Last of a two-part series

■ **Board members need to be mentored to better understand the nature of higher education, which is distinctly different from government, business or the military.**

The president's role is to help individual board members understand the issue in the context of an educational institution. Presidents need to present information in a clear and concise way, which includes comparative data from other institutions so that a context can be developed. NMC has not yet identified peer and aspirant institutions for comparison, which does not help the board better understand data and key assessment information.

ISSUE 3: Governance

■ **Unfortunately at NMC, there is a core of voting administrative member who are appointed to governance committees and appear to control all aspects of the institution.**

The seemingly incestuous appointment of a core administrator to the entire governance structure does not promulgate good decisions because it severely limits the intellectual capital that is brought to decision-making. Good decisions involve all stakeholders. Discussions of opposing viewpoints bring new considerations to the discussion. It also allows for full ownership and support of a decision instead of an "us versus them" dichotomy. Effectively governed institutions have a balance between centralized and decentralized administrations.

■ **Faculty members should control academics to support program advocacy, quality curriculum, and faculty retention but do not have the proper governance structure.**

The longstanding and universally accepted Statement of Government of Colleges and Universities describes the president's leadership role as "supported by delegated authority from the board and the faculty. That carefully stated proclamation supports the principles of effective governance by describing the power in an institution comes from two sources, the board and the faculty. The board provides strategic direction and ultimate accountability for the institution and the faculties provide the expertise and instruction to students. The president manages the system in between, supporting both the board and faculty and listening to student's concerns. This

arrangement means that faculty needs to have control of curricular matters. Faculty ownership of the curriculum also supports program advocacy, quality curriculum, and faculty retention. Unfortunately at NMC, instructional faculty is poorly represented as a group. The NMC Academic Senate includes numerous administrators and is chaired by the academic dean. The curricular business is conducted by the chairs—not the faculty. Resolving this would be to put faculty in charge of programs and use the academic dean and president only as intermediaries to ensure resources and strategic goals align with faculty recommendations. As the final accountability body, the board would provide the final approval for programmatic decisions recommend through the president.

ISSUE 4: Communication and partnership

■ **Open, ongoing, and substantive communications are not the standard at NMC. The infelicitous joke on campus is that we will read about it in the paper the next day.**

Communication is as critical in higher education as in business, government, and other sectors. At NMC, the timing of communications is abysmal. As an example, a notice was read during finals week on the topic of the accreditation status of NMC. This is reacting to students and faculty leaving because of uncertainty over programs. Ongoing communication would have easily prevented this from occurring at NMC. However, students and faculty did not receive the needed information back when personal decisions were being made for the next year. A well-designed web page would have gone a long way to help get the word out. "With-it-ness" is an educational term for knowing what is going around you at all time and participating what will happen next. The opposite is "reactiveness"; this term would better describe NMC. Reacting to the accrediting agencies and adverse campus situations instead of effective preplanning is time consuming and leads to poor decisions. To be honest, accreditation agencies are not out to get an institution. They do, however, want to have regular communication, especially if there is a negative situation occurring. NMC may have avoided the current "show-cause" through ongoing communication and seeking WASC's help early before things got out of hand.

■ **Opportunities for grant partnerships, poor interagency collaboration, entrepreneurial vacuity, and constant turnover of faculty is severely limiting the potential that NMC could have on offsetting the economic, environmental, and social problems on the islands.**

Communication with the community is also an important aspect of a community college's mission. Missed opportunities for partnerships on grant opportunities, lack of interagency collaboration in many areas, entrepreneurial vacuity, and the constant turnover of faculty due to hiring and retention practices is severely limiting the potential that NMC could have on offsetting the economic, environmental, and social problems on the islands. Sharing expertise with the Commonwealth not only is in the public good but also goes a long way toward

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developing economic partnerships and recruiting students. Community colleges should be the primary driver of future economic development. Being an autonomous agency does not mean that a college cannot support its own government and community.

ISSUE 5: Professionalism

■ **Chronically starting meeting late, lax dress code, and smoking on campus portray the message that institutional leaders are not to be taken seriously.**

There appears to be a lack of professionalism with select individuals. Chronically starting meetings late and dress codes are examples. People fully understand that formal business attire is impractical in the CNMI but when institutional leaders come to work in jeans or shorts and sandals, are not timely, and senior leaders are seen smoking on campus outside the president's office, it portrays a message to the students and public that we are not to be taken seriously. Direct correlation is difficult to establish but this situation appears to show up in lack of seriousness for academics by the students who also smoke on campus and are late for class. NMC is educating the future professionals of the island and good professional practice needs to be modeled.

■ **A lack of professionalism related to financial and property controls is widespread. Control of finances is used as a power source and not a way to support college operations.**

Although it appears to be improving, there continues to be a lack of financial and property controls. Participants at a procurement workshop were recently informed that a comprehensive inventory had never been done at NMC until this year, and that substantial equipment is missing. Chairs and directors can attest to the fact that finances are in disarray. Purchase orders not paid from years ago are still surfacing with no explanation of why things were not paid, or where the appropriated money was spent. The quintessential example cited is that the heavily funded human services program never graduated a student but provided equipment for administrators campuswide to include the president. Although the program has now transferred to the SOE, they do not have the bulk of the equipment and are still paying past due bills. This is just one example of "failing to plan for the end" and is a pitfall that budget managers need to prevent.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Making a simple matter more complex

Sometime last week there was an article in one of the local paper titled "Random Thoughts" that made a statement saying "First, I would like to ask that Article 12 not be repealed." The reason given is that what has happened in other places where non-locals were allowed to acquire land, making land unaffordable to the locals.

I strongly suggest that the details under Article 12 be examined closely. For example, there are locals right now that have reached the 25-percent threshold. Their children will not be able to receive the land from their parents or grandparents.

Under Article 12, a couple of 100 percent Northern Marianas decent, or NMD, adopting a person under 18 years of age from anywhere in the world—China, Japan, Korea, Russia, anyplace in the world—becomes 100 percent NMD. However, a child from a couple where one is not 100 percent NMD is only 50 percent at most. Yet, there is a bloodline here compared to the non-NMD adopted child.

Article 12 is now beginning to displace people. This trend will continue and will become more serious as time goes by. Inter-marriages are very common now and it will continue to be more

common as the world becomes smaller through technology. We are more free to travel now than before.

There are children now that are only 25 percent NMD. Should they marry non-NMD, their children will be below the threshold and will therefore not be able to own the land from their parents or grant parents. Is this protecting landownership? Is this keeping landownership within families? What happens to the land that can't be passed down?

Lowering the 25 percent to however low one wants to set it will not solve anything. In fact, the lower the threshold is set, the more complex the issue of who is an NMD. How for example is one going to determine with 100 percent certainty his or her bloodline? Through DNA?

Article 12 also says that you do not own your land; the public through Article 12 is also a part owner of your land. Why is this so? Because under Article 12, fee simple ownership of land can only be by NMD. Therefore, you can't dispose of your land as you wish. Since you can't dispose of your land as you wish, it means that you do not have full or absolute ownership of your land. Is this what we want?

out, that even widespread gossip, spreading out from a central leaking point, would eventually come up against a perimeter.

"The limits of time once promised that memories of indiscretions would fade, their perceived insidiousness diminish.

"The Internet scoffs at such limits."

Do we want or need for the public to be part owner of what we consider our very private property?

By the way, repealing Article 12 does not mean that you must sell your land. You can lease it out or sell it. It is really up to you. No one will be forced to sell. However, should you decide that it is in the best interest of you and or your family to sell, then you will be selling in an open market where land values are truly accounted for. The current situation with Article 12 in place sets an artificially low price on land. What is important here is a full understanding of what are the details to Article 12.

Suggested readings to gain a good understanding of Article 12 are: Section by Section Analysis of the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Analysis of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Interestingly, Article 12 has not stopped long-term leases (50 years). Some politicians are proposing to extend the lease to 99 years. Furthermore, there are talks about changing the 25 percent blood quantum to the smallest possible value. What truly is to be gained with all these? There is still the problem of no one owning their land. How is bloodline to be traced? DNA testing? The courts?

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Just ask Anthony Weiner.

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THE INTERNET

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"The limits of space once ensured that not everyone would find

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly sunny with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 89° ▼ 79°	▲ 88° ▼ 77°	▲ 88° ▼ 78°	▲ 88° ▼ 79°	▲ 88° ▼ 79°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲ 83 ▼ 77
Palau	Showers	▲ 85 ▼ 78
Yap	Cloudy	▲ 85 ▼ 76
Chuuk	Rain	▲ 82 ▼ 77
Pohnpei	Cloudy	▲ 85 ▼ 74
Kosrae	Showers	▲ 87 ▼ 78
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲ 84 ▼ 78

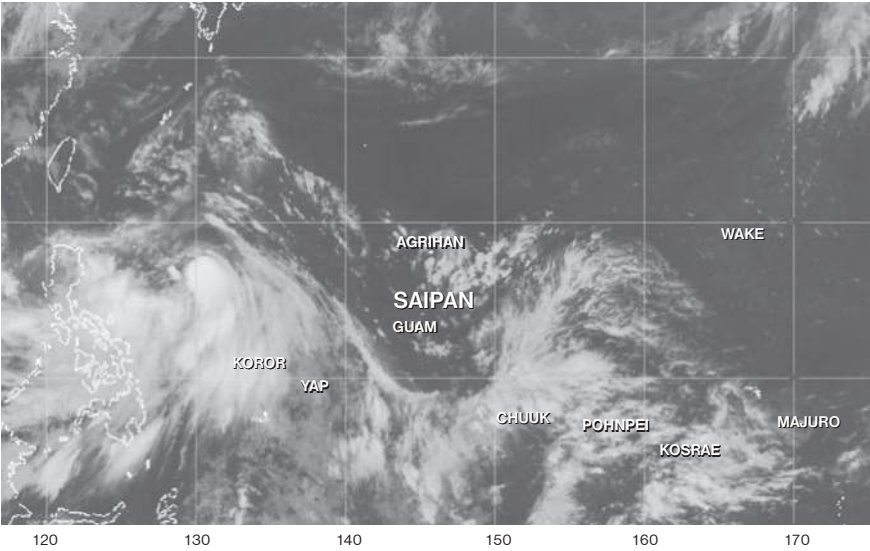
Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲ 59 ▼ 55
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲ 86 ▼ 66
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 90 ▼ 82
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲ 84 ▼ 75
London	Partly Cloudy	▲ 65 ▼ 52
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	▲ 74 ▼ 60
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 84 ▼ 79
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲ 60 ▼ 46
Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 90 ▼ 79
New York	Thundershowers	▲ 86 ▼ 69
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲ 83 ▼ 74
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲ 70 ▼ 51
Pusan	Showers	▲ 71 ▼ 67
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲ 85 ▼ 66
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲ 70 ▼ 50
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 68 ▼ 54
Seoul	Thundershowers	▲ 75 ▼ 65
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲ 84 ▼ 73
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲ 91 ▼ 72

Tides

Saipan Harbor				
2:34 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet	
9:41 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet	
3:22 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.3 Feet	
8:44 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.8 Feet	

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2011
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough extends east-southeastward from Tropical Storm Meari centered near 14N128E to end north of Yap at 11N139E. Showers and isolated thunderstorms are found near Yap and Koror between 6N and 16N from 130E to 141E, and south of Koror within 115 miles of 2N136E. For more information on Meari, see Tropical Cyclone Warning Bul- letins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN32 PGTW. An upper-level low is centered east of Saipan near 15N150E. Isolated thunderstorms are present between 12N and 18N from 146E to 155E. A surface trough heads northward from 1N147E to 10N147E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found over Chuuk within 100 miles of a line from 2N149E to 7N152E to 10N158E. Converging trade winds are generating scattered showers south of Pohnpei within 100 miles of a line from EQ158E to 6N160E, and also southwest of Majuro within 80 miles of a line from EQ165E to 5N168E.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:48 AM	6:50 PM
Saturday	5:49 AM	6:50 PM
Sunday	5:49 AM	6:51 PM
Monday	5:49 AM	6:51 PM
Tuesday	5:49 AM	6:51 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	12:07 AM	12:43 PM
Saturday	12:44 AM	1:31 PM
Sunday	1:22 AM	2:20 PM
Monday	2:03 AM	3:10 PM
Tuesday	2:48 AM	4:03 PM

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM				GUAM-SAIPAN			
C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily	C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
C09313	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6	C09596	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C09596	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7	C09600	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	5K389	1:35pm	2:25pm	1, 4, 6
5K382	6:00pm	6:50pm	2, 5, 7	C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09605	6:30pm	7:20pm	Daily	C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
C09599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily	C09606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:00am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily	DL288	8:05pm	12:35am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5	OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ603	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ604	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7	OZ605	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
MU590	4:30am	7:20am	2, 6	MU589	8:50pm	3:30am+1	1, 5
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 5	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 4	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN	OZ704/603	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN				via ICN
C09317/891	4:25am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM	DL172/288	7:45am	12:35am+1	Daily via NRT
DL287/173	6:00am	10:15pm	Daily via NRT	C0890/9606	10:55am	8:50pm	3, 6 via GUM
C09313/933	7:55am	8:40pm	3, 6 via GUM	OZ702/605	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
C09603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7 via GUM	OZ702/605	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C09603/893	3:05pm	10:10pm	2, 5 via GUM- Palau	C0892/9596	9:55pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM- Palau
OZ604/703	3:20pm	11:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7 ICN	PR110/C09596	10:15pm	7:25am+1	6 via GUM
OZ604/715	3:20pm	11:30pm	7	PR110/C09596	10:15pm	7:50am+1	1, 2, 4, 7 via GUM
C09599/PR111	9:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 4, 7 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG				HONG KONG-SAIPAN			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ724/603	12:30am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN				via ICN
C09603/909	3:05pm	9:25pm	1, 5 via GUM	OZ750/603	1:00am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7
5K168	3:25pm	6:35pm	1, 4, 6				via ICN
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN	5K169	9:55am	5:00pm	2, 5, 7
				OZ722/605	1:25pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
				OZ722/605	1:25pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
				C0910/9596	10:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM
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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota				FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
FRE 300	17:50	18:20	Daily				
Saipan-Rota				Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 400	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily				



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS**Special Mass and prayer vigil for Luhk sisters**

The Santa Soledad Parish will be offering a special Mass or rosary and prayer vigil for the two missing sisters, Faloma and Maileina Quitugua Luhk, on Saturday, June 25, 2011, from 6pm to 9pm. Please bring a candle for this prayer vigil. The Apostolic administrator, Fr. Ryan Jimenez, will be presiding at this special Mass and the community of the Santa Soledad Church is inviting the public to attend this special intention. For more information, contact 234-3000. (PR)

Hopwood summer school schedule

The 7th Grade Hopwood Junior High School Summer School will start on June 27, 2011, from 7:30am to 12:30pm. School buses will be running and breakfast and lunch are provided. (PR)

ChaCha Ocean View announcement

To parents and guardians of ChaCha Ocean View Jr. High School students, the school will be distributing report cards on Monday June 27, 2011, from 8:30am to 4pm. Promotion certificates will be ready for pick up on Friday, July 1, 2011, at the main office. If you have any questions or concerns, call 237-3921 or 664-4100. (PR)

NMC-CREES offers summer internships for high school juniors and seniors

The Northern Marianas College's Cooperative Research Extension and Education Service is encouraging incoming high school juniors and seniors for school year 2011/12 to apply for its summer internship program.

The internship will take place from July 18 to Aug. 19, 2011. As part of the internship program, students will explore and learn about the fields of agriculture and family sciences. NMC-CREES has different divisions including Aquaculture, Entomology, Plant Pathology, and Food Science.

The deadline to apply for the internship is no later than 4:30 pm on Monday, June 27, 2011. Application forms and additional information are available at the NMC-CREES offices in Building F at the NMC Saipan campus, and at the administrative offices of the NMC Rota and Tinian Instructional Sites. For more information, contact Mark Flores at 234-5498 ext. 1706.

The internship program is made possible by funds from the ADAP Professional Development Project and Resident Instruction/CARIPAC Project. (NMC)

Kagman High Summer School busing

To all Kagman High School seniors and juniors attending summer credit recovery at the

Saipan Southern High School campus, the busing schedule is as follows:

- Kagman I, II, III: Kagman High School
- Tanapag: Tanapag Elementary
- San Roque: Bus Stop No. 1
- As Matuis: Bus Stop No. 5
- Achugao: Tanapag Elementary or Bus Stop No. 1

Pick up time is 6:45am. Please report to your pick up point on time beginning Monday, June 27. If you are a junior who needs summer school, sign up at the main office by Friday, June 24. (PR)

MHS Class of 1991 to hold three-day reunion

The Marianas High School Class of 1991 will have a three-day celebration for its 20th reunion.

■ June 24: Get-together at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan from 6pm to 10pm. Attire is Hawaiian print or casual. A portrait session (fee by package if you want) will be made available. Fee for the event at PIC is \$22.

■ June 25: A special Mass to pay respects to deceased classmates. The Mass starts 6pm at the Kristo Rai Church.

■ June 26: Potluck party at the Minatchom Atdao Pavillion from 9am to 6pm. Participants are asked to wear their MHS Class of 1991 T-shirts. Bring two cases of drinks, preferably water. If you're bringing alcohol, bring a cooler. Also, bring food to share in the potluck party. (PR)

Learn traditional rope-making on Saturday

The Inetnon Amot yan Kutturán Natibu/Mwiischil Safey me Kkoor Aramasal Faluw is offering free classes to all Chamorros and Carolinians on traditional rope-making using hibiscus and coconut fibers on Saturday, June 25, 2011. This Saturday is also the last day for banana print and mwar making.

Classes start at 9am and end around noontime. Classes are offered at the Saipan Chamorro-Carolinian Village Cultural Centers Headquarters at 1213 Capitol Hill Road, which is across from the CNMI Workforce Investment Agency and next to the CNMI Board of Parole Office. The classes are offered by the Association of Native Medicine and Culture, in partnership with the Indigenous Affairs Office, and funded in part by the Administration for Native Americans. For more information, call 322-0278. (PR)

Enrollment info for Kagman High

To all returning Kagman High School students, parents and guardians: All students must register anew for school year 2011-2012, even if you went to KHS this last school year. The school is updating its records and everyone must re-register or they will not receive a class

schedule for the school year. Register before Aug. 19 for optimum scheduling. Registration forms can be picked up from the registrar or in the main office. For more information, call 237 3840 or 237 3886. (PR)

Air Force training on Farallon de Medinilla

The U.S. Air Force will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla on June 24, from 11am to 7:30pm. The public, especially fisherman, commercial pilots and marine tour operators, are advised to stay clear from the area during the dates and times indicated. The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants. (USN)

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Man in indecent exposure case fails to report to prison

A man who was sentenced in January to five months in prison for fondling himself in front of a female neighbor did not show up at the Department of Corrections to start serving his sentence.

Police arrested Jake Atalig Palacios in Kagman II on Wednesday for contempt. Bail was set at \$1,000 cash.

Superior Court associate judge Ramona V. Manglona remanded yesterday the 22-year-old Palacios to DOC to start serving the balance of his sentence in the previous conviction.

Detective Buddy Igitol stated in his report that Palacios was first arrested on Aug. 27, 2010, and charged with indecent exposure and disturbing the peace.

Palacios pleaded guilty to both charges and was sentenced to six months in prison, all suspended except for five months, with credit for the 18 days he had already served in jail. He was ordered to start serving his sentence on May 4 2011, with a release date of Sept. 16, 2011.

Igitol said that, on May 20, he learned that a DOC official had informed chief prosecutor Michael Ernest that Palacios did not show up at DOC to serve his sentence. (Ferdie de la Torre)

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3-hour power outage in Kagman, Papago

Some Kagman and Papago residents will experience a three-hour power interruption on Saturday, June 25, 2011, as linemen will be isolating seven power poles that will be relocated for the Cross Island Isa Road Expansion Project.

In a notice yesterday, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. said the power outage will last from 5am to 8:30am and will affect the intersection of Kagman Mobil Gas Station and Kagman Homesteads (5:30am to 8:30am) and from Pina Drive Isa Drive to the Botanical Garden (5:30am to 6:30am).

CUC said that Kimco Inc. linemen will be isolating the seven power poles from the electrical grid so that they could be relocated. The power poles are in the Feeder 4 second partial circuit just south of the Kagman village entrance to Papago.

After the modification is complete, the areas from Botanical Garden to Pina Drive in Papago will be transferred to the Kiya 1 circuit until the relocations are completed next week. This should only take an hour to complete and Kiya 1 will be re-energized.

In addition to the power pole isolations, the CUC linemen will be installing a new air break switch on Kagman Road across the Kagman Mobil gas station. The ABS will provide the linemen the ability to isolate problematic areas for repair and maintenance and minimize inconvenience to customers residing outside the vicinity of future work.

Additionally, separate crews will be replacing the burnt and rotten power pole by the Chacha Jr. High School and as well as clearing vegetation on the primary lines in the affected outage areas.

Because of the scale of the work that will be performed, travelers are advised to take alternate routes or to exercise caution when driving through affected areas. (Saipan Tribune)

11 schools OK'd for foreign students

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REPORTER

The Department of Commerce disclosed yesterday that only 11 educational institutions are allowed to accept foreign enrollees this school year.

Maggie Camacho, a staffer at the Commerce Department, said these 11 schools have received certifications to accept foreign enrollees but four of them were approved with conditions. She declined to identify these schools.

"The total number of educational institutions with current certification from Commerce is 11, including the four approvals with conditions," she said, adding that the agency is now accepting renewal applications for school year 2011-2012.

There used to be 24 schools in the CNMI allowed to enroll foreign students.

Camacho explained that the Commerce certification is authorization to accept foreign students at the state level. This certification is required by the Student and Exchange Visitor Program of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's U.S. Department of Homeland Security for purposes of issuing entry visas to foreign students wanting to enroll outside their countries.

She revealed that educational institutions failing to meet the requirements will jeopardize their authority to accept foreign students in their school.

"The Department of Commerce will accordingly report such denial or revocation for further action on the part of the federal government...I cannot tell the number who will fail to renew at this point in time," Camacho told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Camacho said the certificate is good for one school year. If a school does not renew with Commerce or loses its certification, no foreign student can enroll at that particular school. These schools do not have to close because the certification only addresses foreign students.

"In order for any institution to be approved by SEVP, the certification from Commerce is one of the required documents to be submitted. When SEVP approves a school, a foreign student can apply for an I-20 visa to attend that particular school. The school monitors all students' movements and reports to SEVP, daily if the need arises," she said.

Saipan Tribune learned that if a school is not SEVIS-approved, such institution cannot accept or enroll any foreign student at all. Schools found in violation may face consequences, Camacho added.

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By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

Long before bottled mineral water became a staple in modern life, the distinctive taste of Rota's water has already been catching the attention of many people.

The secret lies in the water's pristine source—fresh water from the Sabana mountain percolating through caves and wells—giving birth to one of the best tasting waters in the region.

"As rainfall percolates, it brings with it the minerals and then accumulates below to become a

very fresh body of underground water. These dissolved minerals contribute to the distinct and refreshing taste of Rota water," said Sung Moon Cho.

It is that special taste that prompted Cho to make an initial investment of \$2.3 million in August 2010 to build a bottling plant on Rota that will create high quality drinking water for everyone to enjoy, the Rota Natural Mineral Water.

The refreshing Rota Natural Mineral Water is manufactured and bottled by RGMW, LLC and is exclusively distributed to

Guam and Saipan—for now, says Cho, the company president.

Essential minerals

Rota Natural Mineral Water, Cho said, contains parts of calcium, magnesium, kalium, selenium, vanadium, and germanium, which is essential for the optimum nutrition of the human body.

"Germanium raises the level of activity of various organs, enabling them to attract more oxygen. It is responsible for providing more oxygen to the body as well as expelling harmful pollutants and pathogens or rendering

RWGS Corp. president Sung Moon Cho and office manager Shirley Monje are photographed at their Lower Base storage room for Rota Natural Mineral Water.

CLARISSA V. DAVID



them harmless," he said.

Since Rota Natural Mineral Water has been introduced in the market, Cho said they have been supplying numerous business establishments on Saipan and Guam.

Among these companies on

Saipan are Fiesta Resort & Spa, Saipan Grand Hotel, Century Hotel, Saipan World Resort, Aqua Resort Club, LSG Sky Chefs which caters to Asiana Airlines, Hyatt Regency Saipan, and the Managaha concession. In Guam, they've already covered Onwards Beach Resort, Onwards Mangilao and Talafofo Golf Clubs, and Holiday Resort Guam.

Rota Natural Mineral Water is also available in most retail stores on Saipan, including XO Market, Green Consume, and KL Market.

According to Cho, they have water bottle shipments from Rota to Saipan every two weeks to ensure customers receive their supply of Rota Natural Mineral Water.

"We aim to provide Guam and CNMI residents the taste of our treasured Rota water. By next year, we plan to expand our market and supply neighboring countries such as Japan and Korea with Rota Natural Mineral Water," said Cho.

After Asia, Cho is optimistic that the remarkable taste of Rota Natural Mineral Water will be known to the rest of the world.

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With the company part of the Water Quality Association in

the U.S., Cho assures customers that Rota Natural Mineral Water conforms to only the highest of water standards.

"The quality of Rota Natural Mineral Water is ensured through testing as it comes from the plant. Throughout the bottling process, the quality is ensured through constant testing and monitoring," he said.

Cho added that the water is screened annually for 100 possible contaminants through their EPA-approved laboratory.

"To ensure that our consumers get the freshest product possible, we also mark our bottles with date, time, and plant code," he said.

In fact, Saipan office manager Shirley Monje disclosed that they just received last week their registration number from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

"This validates that Rota Natural Mineral Water has gone through U.S.-approved testing and analysis and has met high-level standards," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

Cho said they accept personalized water bottles and supply business establishments such as hotels. For information, call 322-0350 or email rgmw2010@gmail.com.

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A. Preliminary Matters

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Public Comments

B. Public Hearings

1. House Local Bill 17-26 – Section 2. A review of each rezoning proposal in Section 2 of the bill and staff's recommendation to the Board.
2. House Local Bill 17-26 – Section 3. A review of the rezoning proposal in Section 3 of the bill and staff's recommendation to the Board.
3. House Local Bill 17-26 – Section 4. A review of the text amendments to the "Permitted Uses" Table of Article 4 in the Zoning Law. Staff's recommendation to the Board.

C. Communications

D. Old Business.

None

E. New Business.

None

F. Executive (Closed) Session

G. Miscellaneous: Other Matters, Announcements, Next Meeting, Adjourn.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact Douglas Wyatt, Zoning Administrator, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).

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16th Annual Tournament of Champions announces dates

The 16th Annual Tournament of Champions, the premier golf event on Saipan, will be played on Aug. 6 and 7 at the LaoLao

Bay Golf & Resort East and West Course.

The TOC tournament fee remains at \$175, which was the

fee during the first tournament in 1996. "Last year we had many new players and our regular participants told us they re-

ally appreciated the lower price, especially with the current economic situation," said tournament director Ben Babauta.

The fee includes two days of golf and the awards banquet, which will be held on Sunday at LaoLao Bay's The Grill Restau-

rant immediately following the tournament.

Over \$400,000 worth of prizes are at stake in the two-day tournament, including hole-in-one prizes worth \$50,000 on both the east and west courses, courtesy of AON, and two brand new cars from Joeten Motors and Triple J Motors. There will be two Business Elite Tickets to the U.S. courtesy of Delta and \$25,000 from Bank of Hawaii to round out the hole-in-one prizes. In addition, \$1,000 will be awarded to closest to the pin winner and a hole-in-one prize of a year of free golf courtesy of LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort.

"Our tournament awards and hole-in-one prizes have made TOC the most popular golf tournament in the Marianas. We are looking forward to one of our players hitting a hole-in-one and taking home a big prize," Babauta added.

Over the last 15 years, TOC has given over \$500,000 to the Saipan Beautification Fund, which has most recently been used to improve the tree-lined traffic medians in Chalan Piao, Dan Dan and Susupe. Funds were also used for the revitalization of the Garapan special district. In addition, TOC also contributed funds for the Paseo de Marianas, and the beautification of the Port to Park pathway.

"Most of these projects require regular maintenance and we are happy to not only complete the initial projects, but keep them beautiful for our tourists and residents to enjoy," Babauta said. "It is very important to thank our golfers, sponsors and committee members who make it possible to continue these projects."

First place winners in the Men's Championship, A, B, C, Senior and Super Senior Flights will each receive \$600 cash, \$500 for second, \$400 for third, a digital camera for fourth, and \$100 DFS gift certificate for fifth place. The Ladies Low Gross champion will receive \$600, \$500 is awarded for second, and \$400 for third place. The Ladies Low Net first through third places will all receive a trophy.

In 2010, TOC first timer Geon Ju Lee of Korea won the Men's Championship Flight, Jin Woo Park and Bae Young Man were in a tight race for second and third.

In the A Flight, Xian Lai Cui was first with Nathan Zhao and Tars Olopai placing second and third respectively. In the B flight, Young Woo Lee won the scorecard tiebreak over Prescil D. Azarcon and Hyoung Kim II was third. Eun Sam Cui won the C flight, and Danny Quitugua had a second place finish with Takashi Nakata placing third.

Tony Satur topped the Senior flight with Edward Manibusan and Vic Borja tied. Manibusan was awarded 2nd place by score-

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Tinian to unveil 2nd Marine Division Monument

The Tinian Mayor's Office has invited military and government officials as well as the public to attend the 2nd Marine Division Monument dedication ceremony on Friday, July 1, 2011, at 10am at Tinian's Historic North Field.

Welcoming remarks will be delivered by Tinian Mayor Ray Dela Cruz, followed by brief remarks from Gov. Benigno Fitial; Rear Adm. Paul Bushong, commanding officer, Joint Region, Marianas; and CNMI Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan.

Col. Robert Loynd, USMC, Officer-in-Charge, Marine Corps Activities, Guam, will deliver the keynote remarks.

The U.S. Marine Corps will perform color guard duties, while the Tinian High School ROTC Stallion Battalion will provide escort duties.

Unveiling the monument and wreath laying will follow Loynd's remarks.

Maj. Rick Spooner, 2nd Marine Division, USMC, (retired), who participated in both the Saipan and Tinian invasions as a sergeant, will be guest of honor.

"The 2nd Division memorial is an important commemoration to the historical events that occurred on Tinian," said Dela Cruz. "The Tinian Mayor's office is inviting all residents and visitors to attend the dedication

ceremony that will take place on Tinian's North Field, a National Historic Landmark."

Both the 2nd and 4th Marine Divisions invaded the Japanese-held island of Saipan on June 15, 1944. During that bloody, strategic engagement, both divisions lost nearly 25 percent of their effective force. Nevertheless, on July 24, with only two weeks of "rest and recuperation," both divisions participated in what was dubbed "the perfect amphibious operation of World War II"—the invasion and capture of Tinian.

For the last several years, a monument to the 4th Marine Division has stood alone at Tinian's historic North Field. Due to impetus provided by a former Marine visiting Tinian with Military History Tours, Michael L. Emerson, a monument to the 2nd Marine Division has been constructed and will now stand side-by-side with its companion 4th Marine Division monument. (PR)



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card tiebreak and Borja third. In the Super Senior Flight, Duke Yoo won first, Bill Garris was second, and Jesus M. Taitano was third.

In Ladies Flight, Keina D. Kim won low gross followed by Noriko Togawa in second place over Jung Yoom Kim. In the Ladies Low Net, Young Hee Yoo came in first while I Sun Park placed second and Sherlyn P. Jones was third.

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Business

Economic trouble puzzles Fed chief, too

WASHINGTON (AP)—The economy's continuing struggles aren't just confounding ordinary Americans. They've also stumped the head of the Federal Reserve.

Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke told reporters Wednesday that the central bank had been caught off guard by recent signs of deterioration in the economy. And he said the troubles could continue into next year.

"We don't have a precise read on why this slower pace of growth is persisting," Bernanke said. He said the weak housing market and problems in the

banking system might be "more persistent than we thought."

It was the Fed chief's most explicit warning yet that the economy will face serious challenges next year. For several months, he had said the factors working against economic growth appeared to be "transitory."

The Fed cut its forecast for economic growth this year to a range of 2.7 percent to 2.9 percent from an April forecast of 3.1 percent to 3.3 percent. It also cut its fore-

cast for next year to a range of 3.3 percent to 3.7 percent from an earlier 3.5 percent to 4.2 percent. The Fed also said unemployment would stay higher than it had expected earlier.

In a policy statement issued at the end of a two-day meeting, the Fed blamed the worsening economic outlook in part on higher energy prices and the earthquake and tsunami in Japan, which slowed production of cars and other products.

But at a press conference af-

terward, the second of what the Fed says will be regular question-and-answer sessions with reporters, Bernanke conceded the economy's troubles are more puzzling and potentially more long-lasting than a pair of temporary shocks.

The Fed announcement, at 12:30 p.m., had little effect on the stock and bond markets. Bernanke began speaking at 2:15, and stocks started falling at about 2:30, when he acknowledged that some of the economy's problems could linger into next year. The Dow Jones industrial average closed

down 80 points for the day.

The Fed's statement Wednesday stood in contrast to the Fed's more upbeat view when officials last met, eight weeks ago. At that time, the central bank said the job market was gradually improving.

Since then, the economic news has been gloomy. The government reported that the economy grew at an annual rate of only 1.8 percent in the first

three months of the year. It isn't expected to grow much faster in the current quarter. The economy added 54,000 jobs in May, far fewer than in the previous two months. Consumer spending has weakened, too.

The bad economic news is taking a political toll on President Barack Obama. For the first time this year, an Associated Press-GfK poll found that fewer than 50 percent of respondents believe Obama deserves re-election. Obama's overall approval rating fell to 52 percent in the new poll.



Bernanke

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Oil falls to near \$94 on US economy pessimism

SINGAPORE (AP)—Oil prices fell to near \$94 a barrel Thursday in Asia amid investor concern U.S. economic growth and crude demand could disappoint this year. Benchmark oil for August delivery was down \$1.23 to \$94.18 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract gained \$1.24 to settle at \$95.41 on Wednesday. In London, Brent crude for August delivery was down \$1.16 to \$113.05 a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange.

Toyota says Prius supply to improve during summer

DETROIT (AP)—Toyota says dealers will see increased supplies of the hot-selling Prius hybrid later this summer. A company statement issued Wednesday says U.S. dealers will get 75,000 more Priuses by the end of the year. But the announcement was later withdrawn and a Toyota spokesman says the company can't confirm how many of the hybrids will reach the U.S. by the end of the year. The Prius is built only in Japan. Toyota says the statement was issued in error by a news release distribution company.

Jet halts takeoff in close call at NYC airport

NEW YORK (AP)—A jet carrying 286 passengers slammed on its brakes and aborted a takeoff this week at Kennedy Airport after another plane began taxiing toward the runway it was using, the Federal Aviation Administration said Wednesday. Lufthansa Flight 411 was cleared for takeoff and EgyptAir Flight 986 was instructed to stay behind a "hold line," 250 feet behind the runway, at 6:50 p.m. Monday, said FAA spokeswoman Kathleen Bergen. The EgyptAir crossed the line but did not enter the runway, she said. "When air traffic control saw that, it canceled the takeoff for Lufthansa," Bergen said, adding that the Lufthansa plane stopped "a considerable distance" from the EgyptAir jet.



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AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

- Call to Order
- Roll Call

II. PERMIT APPLICATION

RMIC Quarry Operation – CRM Permit no. SMS-2011-X-030

- Permit application/summary by CRMO
- Discussion by CRM Agencies/CRMO
- Permit Status (CRMO/CRM Agencies)

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- Permit application/summary by CRMO
- Discussion by CRM Agencies/CRMO
- Permit Status

III. OTHER MATTERS

IV. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items. (Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)

/S/ RITA C. CHONG - DELACRUZ
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Nation

Obama: Surge troops home by summer 2012

WASHINGTON (AP)—Pulling home the Americans he sent to war, President Barack Obama plans to announce Wednesday night the withdrawal of more than 30,000 troops from Afghanistan by the end of next summer, hastening the end of the long conflict that has been more costly than ever envisioned when launched in response to the 2001 attacks on America.

In an address to the nation, Obama will say that he is withdrawing 10,000 troops by the end of this year, and more than 20,000 in addition no later than September 2012, according to administration officials. That accounts for all of the extra forces he ordered to Afghanistan in late 2009 to turn around a flailing war effort.

The fast-paced drawdown, at a time when the public has turned against the war, will be complete just months before he goes before voters in his bid for a second term. Still, it will leave some 70,000 U.S. troops in unstable Afghanistan in a war bound to see more American lives lost.

The United States and its NATO allies hope to end the combat mission and fully turn over control

to Afghan forces by the end of 2014, a transition period that may finally bring the war to an end.

Obama is under mounting political pressure to wind down the war, especially since Osama bin Laden, the man considered to be the face of it, is dead.

U.S. forces found and killed the al-Qaida leader in Pakistan in May, a significant blow to an organization that nevertheless still threatens the United States.

At least 1,500 members of the U.S. military have died and 12,000 have been wounded since the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan in late 2001. The financial cost of the war has passed \$440 billion and is on the rise given the heavy troop commitment, jumping to \$120 billion a year, twice the total of two years ago.

The decision to start withdrawing forces in July amounts to a pledge kept by Obama. Yet the scope and pace of the drawdown have been hotly debated. The military lobbied for a more modest troop reduction and Obama promised a significant one as support for the war by the country and Congress faded.



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Ariz. fire nears containment after burning forest

PHOENIX (AP)—Fire crews are making major strides in corraling three major wildfires that have been burning in Arizona for weeks, and they expect to have one of the fires fully contained by this weekend.

The 348-square-mile fire that will be the first contained has burned through almost an entire forest atop southeastern Arizona's Chiricahua mountains. The forest supports a huge diversity of plants and animals and is a world-renowned bird watching area.

The fire was tamed because it basically had burned across the whole mountain range, said Mary Christensen, a spokeswoman for the team that has battled the huge blaze since it broke out May 8. The Chiricahua is one of

the state's so-called "sky island" mountain ranges, which rise from the surrounding desert and grasslands and aren't connected to other ranges. It is part of the Coronado National Forest.

The fire destroyed nine homes and 14 other buildings as it churned through juniper, oak, pine and other fuels.

It burned very hot in some places, scarring the landscape, but in others scorched only the undergrowth, Christensen said. The prime bird-watching area known as Cave Creek Canyon, which is home to species from as far south as Chile during the breeding season, was not severely damaged.

"For the most part, the fire was kept to a low enough intensity that the canopy is

still there," Christensen said Wednesday. "And we believe that it probably will recover quite easily, and quickly, probably after the rains this season."

The fire originally was expected to be fully contained by Wednesday evening, but officials said rising temperatures in the forecast created potential for spot fires. Expected full containment was now pushed back to Saturday evening.

The thousands of firefighters battling the state's other two major blazes also were making progress, with containment of state's largest-ever fire now at 58 percent.

About 10,000 people were evacuated at one time in the battle against the largest fire, which be-

gan May 29 and has burned 828 square miles in eastern Arizona. All but a handful are back home, and the small town of Luna, N.M., was reopened Wednesday.

The blaze churned through for-

est along the New Mexico border, especially on the fire's rugged south and southeast sides.

Meanwhile, a fire in the Huachuca Mountains in southern Arizona has been burning

since June 12. It has consumed 44 square miles and 57 homes on the outskirts of Sierra Vista, Ariz., about 15 miles north of the Mexican border. The fire is 59 percent contained.

Small river could bring historic floods to ND

MINOT, N.D. (AP)—Plastic sheeting hung over the apartment building like a shroud, stretching from the eaves to the ground. Across it, someone had spray-painted the word "pray" and drawn a line labeled "1969"—the level where floodwaters had risen the last time the Souris River climbed out of its banks in Minot.

That line stood just 2 feet above the ground. But the water

is expected to climb far higher in parts of this Air Force town over the coming days as the little-known waterway swells from rain and snowmelt. It could bring the region's worst flooding in four decades. As many as 10,000 people raced to evacuate Wednesday as water began spilling over Minot's levees. The river, which begins in the Canadian province of Saskatchewan and flows for a short distance though North Dakota, was all but certain to inundate thousands of homes and businesses during the next week.

A quarter of the city's 41,000 residents had been facing a 6 p.m. evacuation order, but emergency sirens blared at 1 p.m., warning people that the deadline had been moved up by five full hours. Before making their

escape, city crews sandbagged critical structures such as the water-treatment plant, city hall and school buildings.

"I feel so bad for everybody," said Robyn Whitlow, who lives outside the evacuation zone but was helping people load their belongings. She burst into tears when the siren went off.

The deluge along the Souris was expected to easily exceed a 1969 flood, possibly reaching 13.5 feet above flood stage by Monday. The river is expected to top the historical record set in 1881 by more than 5 feet.

Nearby, Steve and Michelle Benjamin were hard at work hauling an entertainment center, desk chairs and bicycles over an emergency levee to a trailered pickup truck. It was the last of nearly a dozen loads.

ACROSS THE NATION

Ex-DC journalist says he's an illegal immigrant

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist who covered the Virginia Tech massacre for the Washington Post went public Wednesday with a secret he has been keeping for nearly two decades: He is an illegal immigrant. Jose Antonio Vargas, whose mother sent him from the Philippines to live with his grandparents in California when he was 12, says that now he wants to push Congress to pass a bill called the DREAM Act that would allow people like him to become citizens if they go to college or serve in the military. "I'm done running. I'm exhausted," Vargas wrote in a New York Times Magazine essay posted online Wednesday. "I don't want that life anymore."

Police: Mobster Whitey Bulger arrested in Calif.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Authorities say fugitive Boston crime boss James "Whitey" Bulger has been arrested by the FBI near Los Angeles after 16 years on the run. Santa Monica Police Sgt. Rudy Flores says his agency was informed of the arrest by the FBI Wednesday. Flores says the FBI had been conducting a surveillance operation in the area. He gave no details of the arrest. The 81-year-old Bulger is wanted in connection to 19 murders. He has been the subject of several books and was the inspiration for the 2006 film "The Departed."

NY official: Arrest made in 4 pharmacy killings

MEDFORD, N.Y. (AP)—A 33-year-old man described by neighbors as polite and friendly was arrested Wednesday in connection with the deaths of four people who were shot at a pharmacy during a robbery for painkillers. David Laffer, who a few years ago proposed to his then-girlfriend at a New York Islanders hockey game, was led out of his brown and yellow ranch-style home in handcuffs Wednesday as neighbors watched. He was later arrested, said Jack Eddington, chairman of the Suffolk County Legislature's public safety committee.



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Asia

Manila: US obliged to defend Filipinos in Spratlys

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—U.S. forces are obliged to help defend Filipino troops, ships or aircraft under a 1951 Mutual Defense Treaty if they come under attack in the disputed Spratly Islands in the South China Sea, Philippine officials said, citing past American assurances.

The potentially oil- and gas-rich Spratly Islands have long been regarded as one of Asia’s possible flash points for conflict. China, the Philippines and Vietnam have been trading barbs and diplomatic protests recently over overlapping territorial claims, reigniting tension.

Complicating the issue is the role the United States could play in resolving the disputes. A Mutual Defense Treaty signed by U.S. and Philippine officials in Aug. 30, 1951, calls on each country to help defend the other against an external attack by an aggressor in their territories or in the Pacific region.

Amid renewed tensions in the

Spratlys, questions have emerged whether the treaty would apply if ill-equipped Philippine forces come under attack in the islands, all of which are claimed by China. Parts also are claimed by Brunei, Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan and Vietnam.

The Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs said in a policy paper that the treaty requires Washington to help defend Filipino forces if they come under attack in the Spratlys, citing U.S. diplomatic dispatches that defined the Pacific region under the treaty as including the South China Sea. The South China Sea was not specifically mentioned in the pact.

A copy of the policy paper was seen by The Associated Press on Wednesday.

Philippine Foreign Secretary Albert del Rosario also said in a recent interview that American officials have made clear that Washington would respond in case Filipino forces come under

attack in the South China Sea.

Del Rosario said by telephone from Washington that he would discuss the Spratly disputes, along with issues related to the 1951 defense treaty, and other regional security concerns with U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton when they meet Thursday.

The U.S. Embassy in Manila declined to discuss details of when the pact would apply.

“As a strategic ally, the United States honors our Mutual Defense Treaty with the Philippines,” said Alan Holst, acting public affairs officer at the embassy. “We will not engage in discussion of hypothetical scenarios.”

The defense treaty, which came into force in 1952, defined an attack as an armed assault on “the metropolitan territory of the parties” or their “armed forces, public vessels or aircraft in the Pacific.”

While the U.S. has a policy of

not interfering in territorial disputes, the Philippine paper said “it may be construed that any

attack on our vessels, armed forces or aircraft in the Spratlys would make the treaty ap-

plicable and accordingly obligate the U.S. to act to meet the common dangers.”

Afghanistan says its army ready for US drawdown

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Afghanistan’s NATO-trained military is ready to take responsibility for fighting Taliban insurgents and securing key parts of the country that will be the first to transition as the U.S. begins a troop drawdown in July, the Defense Ministry said Wednesday.

Many Afghans are eager to see an American departure nearly 10 years after U.S. forces invaded to oust al-Qaida’s Taliban hosts from power, and President Barack Obama is expected to announce plans later Wednesday to bring roughly 10,000 American troops home in less than a year.

But the drawdown, before a full pullout by 2014, carries enormous risks for a U.S.-allied government still beset by attacks from Taliban and

other insurgents.

“There will be some battles, there will be suicide attacks, and bomb attacks,” said Defense Ministry spokesman Gen. Mohammad Zahir Azimi said of the coming transition period. “But we in the Afghan forces are prepared to replace the foreign forces and I’m confident the army has enough capacity and ability.”

About 100,000 U.S. troops are in the country, three times as many as when Obama took office. In a prime-time address from the White House, Obama is likely to outline a phased withdrawal that will bring 5,000 troops home this summer and an additional 5,000 by winter or spring 2012, according to a senior U.S. defense official As the U.S. drawdown

nears, there’s more pressure on the Afghan government to find a mediated peace with the Taliban to the nearly decade-long war.

Speaking in Kabul on Wednesday, British Foreign Secretary William Hague stressed any talks with the Taliban must be an “Afghan-led process,” even as the U.S. has had contacts with Taliban emissaries as well.

“Contacts do take place,” Hague said. “The United Kingdom will assist in that when it can.”

ASIAN BRIEFS

Strong quake hits Japan; tsunami warning canceled

TOKYO (AP)—A magnitude-6.7 earthquake rattled northeast Japan early Thursday in the same area where a massive quake triggered a deadly tsunami in March, but there were no immediate reports of injuries or damage. The Japan Meteorological Agency issued a tsunami warning for the region after the quake, but canceled it about an hour later. The temblor struck the region of the Pacific where a magnitude-9.0 quake hit on March 11, triggering a huge tsunami. At least 23,000 people were killed or left missing in those disasters, which destroyed hundreds of homes, offices and factories in northeastern Japan.

China restricts popular report-a-bribe websites

BEIJING (AP)—Fed up with the endless payoffs and bribes endemic in China, public relations consultant Chen Hong ripped off an idea from India: set up a website to let people post anonymous tips on official bribery. It proved wildly popular—and short-lived. Chen’s website—<http://www.ibribery.com>—drew 200,000 unique visitors in two weeks. Its anonymous posts wrote about bribing everybody: officials who demanded luxury cars and villas to police officers who needed inducements not to issue traffic tickets. Some outed doctors receiving cash under the table to ensure safe surgical procedures. Mainstream media spread word about the site, amplifying the outrage among netizens.

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The Marianas Public Land Trust (MPLT) and the Office of the Public Auditor are soliciting proposals for the financial and compliance audits of MPLT for the two fiscal years ending September 30, 2011 and 2012. Separate audits and reports are to be performed and issued for each year. The audits shall be performed in compliance with the following guidelines:

STANDARDS:
The audit shall be performed in accordance with Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and Government Auditing Standards (for Audit of Government Organizations, Programs, Activities, and Functions issued by the Comptroller General of the United States).

REQUIRED REPORTS:
The audit report shall include the auditor’s opinion on the financial statements, the auditor’s report on the review and evaluation of internal controls, and the auditor’s report on compliance with laws, regulations, grants, and contracts.

Proposals must have the following information:

- TITLE PAGE:**
1. Request for Proposal Subject
 2. Name of the CPA or CPA firm
 3. Local address and telephone number
 4. Name of contact person and submission date

- TRANSMITTAL LETTER:**
1. Briefly state your understanding of the audit to be performed. Include an affirmative statement that your firm can perform and complete the work with the time specified.
 2. State a comprehensive fee for which the work will be performed
 3. Briefly describe your work plan and state the target dates for the entrance and exit conference and for the delivery of the draft and final audit report package.

- COMPANY’S PROFILE:**
1. Provide a brief description of the proposer firm, personnel, including educational background and experience, number of staff and staff levels (partner, manager, auditors, etc) and client listing.
 2. The proposer must make an affirmative statement or provide supporting document to state/show that: (1) at least the partners are certified public accountants (CPA’s), (2) it meets all the independence requirement of the applicable auditing standards, (3) it does not have a record of substandard audit work (4) it meets all specified requirements imposed by the CNMI laws and other regulations, and (5) its system of quality control for accounting and auditing practice is in conformity with standards established by the Peer Review Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA).
 3. The proposal should identify Principals/Partners; Audit Managers and other staff members who will work on the audit and provide resumes showing relevant experience and compliance with the continuing education requirement of the auditing standards.

- PROPOSAL EVALUATION CRITERIA:**
The proposal will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:
1. Responsiveness of the proposal in clearly stating an understanding of the scope of work to be performed and completing the work on time (25%)
 2. Qualifications and experience of the firm (25%)
 3. Qualifications and technical competence of the staff to be assigned. Education, position in the firm, and years and types of experience will be considered (25%)
 4. Audit fee (25%)

Cost is not expected to be the controlling factor in the selection of a Contractor for this solicitation. The degree of importance of cost can increase should the proposers substantially receive equal points (within 3%) after evaluating the first three criteria. In that event, the best and final cost/price may be requested and negotiated with the responsive and qualified proposers. The right to award based upon the proposed cost/price however, is reserved, if the cost/price is determined fair and reasonable for the services.

One (1) original and five (5) copies of the proposal shall be submitted no later than July 25, 2011 to:

Marianas Public Land Trust
1313 Anatahan Drive, Capital Hill
P.O. Box 501089
Saipan, MP 96950

The contract for audit will be awarded by August 31, 2011 and the audit work can commence on November 15, 2011 and 2012. The final audit reports shall be completed and delivered by January 31, 2011 and 2012.

Inquires may be directed to Barbara Reyes, Office Manager at telephone number (670) 322-4401/4402 or by email at bobbieannreyes@mplt.gov.mp.



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Coastal Resources Management

Caller Box 10007, Springs Plaza, Chalan Pale Arnold, Saipan, MP 96950
Website: www.crm.gov.mp
Tel. (670) 664-8300 • Fax (670) 664-8315




NOTICE OF APPLICATION
June 24, 2011

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE CRM OFFICES:

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. SAIPAN CREWBOATS, INC	06/15/2011 STRS/LRm-2011-X-040	DRYDOCK	BAKER DOCK	PORTS & INDUSTRIAL APC	APPROVED (06/20/2011)*
2. DEPT OF PUBLIC WORK	06/20/2011 SSm-2011-X-041	RESIDENTIAL SUB-DIVISION	FINAFA, ROTA	MAJOR SITING	UNDER REVEIEW
3. PAUPAU TOURS	06/21/2011 SSm-2011-X-042	PHOTOGRAPHIC	SHORELINE AREAS	SHORELINE APC	APPROVED (06/22/2011)*

Publication of the above list is in accordance with CRM Regulations, which require all permit applications to be published in a local newspaper within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the CRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the CRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APC's) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local CRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a CRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the CRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the CRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the CRM Regulations.



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suckto grouper
200-2.5 m, 4-6 years

Kichu / Timell
convict tang
150-200 m

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and the
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Ellyn Tong

SIZE MATTERS

Midi "Measure" your catch so we can fish tomorrow

Find the right size catch on the new ruler and poster

Are the sizes listed in the poster and ruler a new law?

No, this is not a new law or regulation. The sizes listed are recommendations based on the average size at which our fish begin to produce eggs, this size is called L50.

How does choosing fish that are the 'right size' help the reef?

Harvesting, buying or eating fish below the listed L50 sizes reduces the number of spawning fish in the reef, resulting in less fish for tomorrow. These recommended sizes are not applicable to early juvenile runs (like manahak and l'e).

Where do the size recommendations come from?

The L50 sizes are based on the best available life-history data with input from local and regional agencies and scientific journals.

Check fishing events and conservation offices for rulers and posters!

More at: sizematterscnmi.blogspot.com

1. **pink snapper** - 20.5"

2. **yellow snapper** - 21"

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World

Al-Qaida suspects tunnel out of Yemeni prison

SANAA, Yemen (AP)—Nearly 60 suspected al-Qaida militants tunneled their way out of a Yemeni prison in the lawless south on Wednesday, deepening the chaos of a nation where protesters are trying to topple the autocratic regime.

The escape from the Mukalla prison in Hadramout province is the latest sign that Islamic militants are seizing on the mayhem to operate more freely, something the U.S. fears will become an increasing international threat if the impoverished nation grows even more unstable. Hundreds of Islamic militants have also taken control of two southern towns in recent weeks.

The jailbreak in the early hours of Wednesday harked back to one in February 2006, when 23 al-Qaida militants broke out of a detention facility in Sanaa, Yemen's capital. They included Nasser al-Wahishi, who went on to become the leader of the Yemen-based al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, which Washington says is already the terror network's most active branch.

Yemeni security officials said the escapees on Wednesday included two Syrians, two

Saudis and 16 members of an al-Qaida cell blamed for at least 13 terror attacks.

A growing al-Qaida threat would deepen the country's predicament.

Already, much of Yemen has been paralyzed by months of massive protests demanding the ouster of longtime leader Ali Abdullah Saleh. The crisis shifted to armed street conflict between troops loyal to Saleh and rival tribal fighters.

The president of nearly 33 years was badly wounded in an attack on his Sanaa compound earlier this month, and his departure for medical treatment in neighboring Saudi Arabia has failed to break the deadlock.

The unrest also has significantly worsened conditions for most Yemenis, whose lives had been difficult even before the start of the unrest in February. Most now suffer from an acute shortage of drinking water, lengthy power cuts and soaring food prices.

The United States already has warned that militants in Yemen were taking advantage of the unrest to operate more openly and have been able to acquire and hold more territory.

Anticipating conditions to worsen, Washington is building a secret CIA air base in the Persian Gulf region to target al-Qaida, The Associated Press learned last week.

The AP also learned that the White House has increased the number of CIA officers in Yemen and stepped up the schedule to construct the base.

U.S. State Department spokesman Mark Toner said Wednesday that Washington was trying to learn all the facts about Wednesday's jailbreak and emphasized that cooperation with Yemeni officials on counterterrorism was continuing despite the turmoil.

"Obviously the instability in Yemen is the kind that al-Qaida feeds on or tries to take advantage, exploit, throughout the world. It's concerning, but our cooperation continues," he told reporters in Washington.

Al-Qaida in Yemen has been linked to several nearly successful attacks on U.S. targets, including the plot to bomb a Detroit-bound airliner in December 2009. It also put sophisticated bombs into U.S.-addressed parcels that made it onto cargo flights last year.

Mexico officials say capo sought to ally with foes

MEXICO CITY (AP)—The Mexican drug lord nicknamed "The Monkey" started as a hit man for the Gulf cartel, officials say, then turned on his old bosses as a leader of the cult-like La Familia in the western state of Michoacan.

At the end, he was allegedly seeking a new alliance with his mortal foes, as his own group suffered infighting and financial problems.

The story of Jose de Jesus Mendez Vargas shows how Mexico's cartels have mutated under a four-year crackdown on organized crime, an example of the way splinter groups and shifting alliances complicate the government attempt to wipe out the drug groups.

Mendez's arrest on Tuesday let the government cross another name off its list of 37 most-wanted drug lords. Officials proudly note only 16 remain at large. Yet the death

or capture of so many alleged cartel leaders has done nothing to stop Mexico's drug-fueled bloodbath or the flow of drugs into the United States.

When officials issued the most-wanted list in 2009, Mexico counted six major cartels. Substantial blows have damaged three of them: the Arellano Felix gang in Tijuana, the Beltran Leyva in central and southern Mexico and now La Familia. New or reorganized groups have arisen in their place, wreaking havoc across greater parts of the country as they scum for the spoils of crime.

"None of these groups are particularly stable ... the central point for them is not loyalty, but business interests, and those shift over time," said Eric Olson of the Washington-based Mexico Institute. "That's why a strategy focusing only at top of the organization often creates more violence."

The rise and fall of Mendez as the alleged leader of the pseudo-religious La Familia is a case in point.

The cartel initially portrayed its members as crusaders protecting communities from the feared Zetas gang. It announced its arrival in 2006 by rolling the heads of five Zetas across the floor of a Michoacan disco.

That incident was one of the violent outbursts that led President Felipe Calderon to sharply increase the use of troops against traffickers as soon as he took office in late 2006, starting with his home state of Michoacan.

Under increasing pressure, La Familia split after its founder, Nazario Moreno Gonzalez, was killed in a two-day shootout with federal police in December. Officials say Mendez took control of one branch of La Familia and began to battle a breakaway group called the Knights Templar.

WORLD BRIEFS

Chavez may return to Venezuela within 12 days

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—President Hugo Chavez is recuperating well from his surgery in Cuba and is expected to return to Venezuela within 12 days, one of his brothers said Wednesday. Adan Chavez told state television that "it's not clear" exactly when his younger brother would return, but the leader expects to depart for Venezuela within 10 to 12 days. "The president is

recovering in a satisfactory manner," he said. "The president is a strong man." Chavez underwent surgery in Cuba for a pelvic abscess June 10.

US pledges more foreign aid to fight drug cartels

GUATEMALA CITY (AP)—The Obama administration pledged Wednesday to increase its investment in Central America security to nearly \$300 million this year to thwart the expanding activities of drugs

cartels threatening to destabilize the entire region. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton announced the release of new funds at a meeting of 12 regional countries and donor nations. Some of the money was previously allotted or is being repackaged from other programs, but the total figure represents a more than 10 percent jump from last year's aid of \$260 million, U.S. officials said. "We know the statistics—the murder rates surpassing civil war levels," Clinton said.

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR HARBOR PLANNING SERVICES

RFQ11-GOV-107

The Office of the Mayor and Rota Legislative Delegation are soliciting statements of professional qualifications ("RFQ") from engineering firms to prepare a feasibility study and conceptual design for the development of the East Harbor, on the Island of Rota in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Island of Rota has a long history of an unsafe harbor entrance and berthing area that has hampered shipping and economic development. The legislative delegation of the Island of Rota seeks to explore the feasibility of the development of the Rota East Harbor in order to provide a long-term solution to these issues.

Interested engineering firms are invited to submit statements of professional qualifications. Proposals will be evaluated on experience and information presented in the following areas:

1. Harbor planning, analysis, and design experience (25%)
2. Harbor construction permitting experience including but not limited to environmental assessment; United States Army Corps of Engineers; and local agency reviews (25%)
3. Financial and economic analysis experience (25%)
4. Proposed approach (25%)
5. Cost estimate for identified services (0%)

Proposals should address each item identified in the evaluation structure and follow the structure as identified in the proposal packet that can be obtained from the Office of Capital Improvement, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan CNMI on or after June 20, 2011. Questions regarding the RFQ must be submitted in writing to Mr. James R. Stump, CIP Contracting Officer, or faxed to (670) 664-2408, no later than 4 p.m. ChST July 06, 2011.

Performance time for completion of the study and conceptual design is One Hundred Eighty (180) calendar days from issuance of a Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed at Two Hundred Dollars (US\$200.00) for each and every calendar day beyond the established completion date.

Discussions shall be conducted with the top three ranked firms. After a selection is made negotiations will be conducted with the highest qualified firm to determine the final fair and reasonable price of the contract for the work to be performed. The successful proposers will be subjected to a responsibility and responsiveness determination in compliance with Section 3-301 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations.

Proposers must submit details of how the work will be performed and accomplished by the consultants, with the names of the responsible persons identified. Proposers shall also submit a statement of qualifications with resumes and experience of the responsible persons. The total proposal length shall not exceed fifty (50) pages in length, inclusive of resumes and previous project descriptions. Note that a firm which submits a proposal as a prime consultant, cannot also submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, as a subcontractor, the consultant may be included in multiple proposals by different consultants.


This procurement is controlled by the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Procurement Regulations as contained in Title 70 of the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code. Selected contractor will be required to comply with all applicable Commonwealth and federal laws.

Proposals must be sealed and marked "RFQ11-GOV-107, Rota Harbor Feasibility Study Conceptual Design". For proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of the proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, MP, no later than 4:30 p.m. ChST, July 18, 2011. Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 4:30 p.m. ChST, July 18, 2011, and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of the sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than, 4:30 p.m. July 18, 2011 ChST, and must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than July 27, 2011 ChST. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies of the proposal may be cause for rejection of a proposal.


The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interests of the CNMI government. All proposals shall become the sole property of the CNMI government.

/s/ Melchor Mendiola,
Mayor of Rota

/s/ Herman S. Sablan
Director of Procurement & Supply



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-IFB-11-043
CHALAN KANOA SEWERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT NO. 1

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the rehabilitation and upgrade of Sewer Lift Stations and installation of Force-Main in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consists, in general of the replacement of asbestos cement pipe (ACP) sewerline in two areas of Chalan Kanoa. The first project is to replace and re-locate a section of existing 6 inch ACP sewerline which has collapsed along Texas Road in the vicinity of the Chalan Kanoa cemetery, with 584 linear feet (LF) of 8-inch PVC sewerline and 3 new concrete manholes. The second project is the replacement of 160 LF of existing 6 inch ACP sewerline, between two existing manholes, located on Brigida Street in front of the on-going Sandy Beach Homes project. CUC requires the Project to be completed in 90 calendar days from date of award of contract.

The Bid Package and Scope-of-Work may be picked-up, upon receipt of a deposit from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of \$ 100.00 (non-refundable) for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site-Visit, will be held on **June 30, 2011 at 9:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.10, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan.

One (1) original and Seven (7) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “**CUC-IFB-11-043, Chalan Kanoa Sewerline Replacement Project No. 1**” to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on July 14, 2011**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 30 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. A Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.


All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification should be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code. Please refer to other bidding requirements described in Document 00200 - Instructions to Bidders.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.


All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on July 05, 2011** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - msablan@cucgov.net with a copy to Mr. Brian Bearden, Water/Wastewater Engineer via email brian_bearden@cucgov.net and Ms. Janina Mika Muna, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant - mika_muna@cucgov.net.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

ABE UTU MALAE
Executive Director



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-11-040
DEBT COLLECTION LEGAL SERVICES

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from from debt collection attorneys to assist in the collection of delinquent utility billings for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The CUC intends to place selected accounts with one or more attorney. Submitted proposals must indicate how the CUC will be kept informed of the progress of each account placed with the attorney,as well as provide a summary and detail report of all accounts placed. In addition, proposals must provide for the total listing of the gross amount of all collections with a separate billing for attorney services rendered.

The RFP Package and the Scope-of-Work may be picked-up, upon receipt of a non-refundable payment from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of \$100.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.


A Pre-proposal Conference will be held on **June 16, 2011 at 11:00 AM (ChST)**, at CUC Main Conference Room No. 10, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “**CUC-RFP-11-040, Debt Collection Legal Services**” to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, **no later than July 08, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission. Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.


All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on June 20, 2011 to Mr. Charles Warren, Chief Financial Officer via email address charles_warren@cucgov.net; Mr. Manuel Sablan Purchasing Officer msablan@cucgov.net; and Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net. CUC will respond to any questions and clarifications only to prospective offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the Request for Proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

ABE UTU MALAE
Executive Director



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION



PUBLIC NOTICE

This Notice is paid by NMHC with HUD funds.

COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
AND INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

June 24, 2011

Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Governor
Saipan, MP 96950 Tel: (670) 664-2000 or (670) 234-9447/6866

This notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or after July 10, 2011, the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Honolulu Field Office, for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383), as amended, to undertake the following projects and purposes in Saipan and Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands:

Project/Activity Type	Purpose	Location	Total Project Cost
Property Acquisition	To acquire (3) parcels of land totaling 60,442 square meters for the proposed construction of a public school facility.	Koblerville, Saipan, with the following lot numbers: Across from Coral Ocean Point Hotel; Approximately 1.10 miles from the Francisco C. Ada Saipan International Airport; Located on As Perdido Road	Anticipated Cost: \$1,511,150.00
Proposed Construction of a Public School Facility	To serve as a junior high school public facility.	Koblerville, Saipan. The school will be located on the property acquired (project above).	Anticipated Cost: \$8,300,000.00

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands has determined that the above-listed projects will have no significant impact on the human environment except for the presence of nightingale reed warblers and certain historical artifacts. The NMHC is working closely with all relevant authorities to mitigate against the presence of the nightingale reed warbler, (3) U.S. postwar concrete slabs, a defensive position associated with several (55) gallons metal barrels, a surface scatter of random U.S. Coca Cola bottles with born on date of 1946, and two displaced prehistoric latte sets. NMHC is currently working with the CNMI Division of Fish and Wildlife and the US Fish and Wildlife Service to purchase credits in the Saipan Upland Mitigation Bank to preserve the nightingale reed warblers and will also ensure that no activities take place during the nightingale reed warblers' nesting seasons. NMHC is also working with CNMI Historic Preservation Office to ensure that all historic artifacts are removed and preserved before any clearing or construction activities take place. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation Central Office in Garapan, Saipan and may be examined or copied during regular work hours, Monday through Friday except CNMI or Austerity Holidays, from 7:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. However, on July 9, 2011, Saturday, NMHC's Planning Division will be open to accept public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the projects may submit written comments to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 or direct delivery to the central office in Garapan, Saipan. All comments received by **July 9, 2011**, will be considered by the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands certifies to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, HUD Honolulu Field Office that the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Governor Benigno R. Fitial consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development HUD Honolulu Field Office acceptance of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and related laws and authorities, and allows the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands to use Program Funds.

OBJECTION TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development HUD Honolulu Field Office will accept objections to its release of funds and the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands certification for a period of fifteen days following anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands; (b) the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has incurred cost not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of the release of funds by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures of 24 CFR Part 58 and shall be addressed to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Honolulu Field Office, 500 Ala Moana Boulevard, Honolulu, Hawaii Suite 3A 96813-4918. Potential objectors should contact the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

/s/ BENIGNO R. FITIAL
Governor

Off The Wall

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

NH woman falls 60 feet to bottom of waterfall

DIXVILLE NOTCH, N.H. (AP)—A Nashua woman is hospitalized in serious condition after falling about 60 feet down a cliff to the bottom of a waterfall in Dixville Notch in northern New Hampshire. Fish and Game officials say Jennifer L. Tate was hiking with friends on Wednesday when she left them to take a photograph of Cascade Falls. She told rescuers the ground gave way at the edge and she fell down the cliff. Fire and Rescue crews climbed to the top of the waterfalls and repelled down to Tate, who was conscious at the bottom of the falls. She was brought up the cliff face and taken to Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon.

Swiss police serve as impromptu wedding witnesses

GENEVA (AP)—A couple in Switzerland have police to thank for their impromptu marriage. The 32-year-old Swiss man and his 33-year-old Spanish bride turned up for their wedding ceremony in Zurich on Tuesday without the required two witnesses. Zurich's city police department says the wedding was meant to be a surprise

and the pair hadn't told friends or family about it. Informed that they wouldn't be able to get married without witnesses, the couple approached two uniformed police who were on foot patrol nearby. The police department says its officers did their duty and the couple were married shortly afterward.

Colo. police say man hid in portable toilet tank

BOULDER, Colo. (AP)—Police in Colorado say a woman who stepped inside a portable toilet at a yoga festival discovered a man hiding in the tank below when she lifted the toilet lid. Boulder police spokeswoman Kim Kobel says the woman told authorities she noticed something moving inside the tank and asked a man to check it out. The man reported seeing someone covered in a tarp inside the tank. A festival security supervisor said the suspect eventually emerged from the toilet—covered in human waste—and slipped away. Police say the suspect is thought to be in his 20s and is being sought on charges of criminal attempt to make unlawful sexual contact.

Dude! NY man's tossed pot lands on police cruiser

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP)—State police say a man's effort to ditch

some drugs from a moving car in western New York didn't exactly go as planned. Troopers with the state police Thruway detail say 20-year-old Sean Schmidt was standing with his upper body sticking out the sunroof of a vehicle traveling on Interstate 190 in Buffalo late Monday night. When a trooper following in a state police cruiser activated the car lights to pull the other vehicle over, Schmidt threw a small bag of marijuana, which landed on the hood of the trooper's car. Troopers say Schmidt was ticketed for marijuana possession and not wearing a seatbelt.

Mass. grads' diplomas with errors get replaced

PLYMOUTH, Mass. (AP)—Graduates of a Massachusetts high school who received diplomas this month containing spelling errors are getting corrected versions—plus an apology. The diplomas handed out to 263 Plymouth North graduates on June 4 had the word "for" spelled "fro" while the word "and" was spelled "ans." Schools officials signed all of them without noticing. Principal Kathleen McSweeney tells The Enterprise of Brockton that Jostens, the Minnesota company that printed the diplomas, sent new ones to the school that arrived Monday.

Science & Technology

Do your research before buying a digital camera

By DON LINDICH

MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Q. What can I do to be assured of getting a digital camera that takes sharp, clear pictures? Many friends have expressed dissatisfaction with their cameras and I want to be sure to get a good one.—L.K.R., Greentree, Pa.

A. It's hard to go wrong with any digital SLR or interchangeable lens camera as most all are excellent.

The key to a satisfactory digital camera purchase is to research your purchase carefully, more so than with other electronics purchases. There are tremendous picture quality differences between models you see at the store and unlike comparing televisions showing the same movie clip, playing with the different cameras on display will do nothing to show you how good the pictures they take will look. Picking a top brand name is no guarantee of getting a good camera because everyone has their clunkers. If you just go in and buy a camera without researching it thoroughly you may as well be picking numbers out of a hat.

Here are a few good cameras to consider that each offer something a little different from their competition.

A good pick for under \$100 is the 10-megapixel Canon Powershot A495, a surprisingly good picture taker. Moving up to the \$200-\$300 price range the 10.1-megapixel Casio EX-FH100 is one of the best values in its class with top marks for image quality, video quality, build quality, and a 40 frames-per-second high speed burst mode ideal for capturing golf, tennis and baseball swings.

My favorite top-class compact is the Olympus XZ-1, which has earned universal acclaim for its fast, sharp lens, rock solid construction and near-perfect jpg image quality. Simply put, it's a stunner, the best pocketable camera out there and worth its \$475 street price. If you like to travel light you won't regret getting an XZ-1.

A good megazoom camera buy is the Pentax X90, with outstanding still picture image quality, image stabilization and a 26x zoom for \$265. Battery life and video quality are weak points, but if great pictures are what you are mostly after this is one of your best choices. The 12.1-megapixel Panasonic DMC-FZ35 megazoom has been recognized as top-of-the-



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1. Casio EX-FH100 High Speed Camera; 2. Pentax X90 Megazoom Camera; 3. An Olympus XZ-1; 4. Another version of the Olympus XZ-1.

heap as long as it has been out. It sells for \$399 and was recently replaced by the DMC-FZ40,

which I have not tested. Some users seem to prefer the pictures from the FZ35 to the FZ40.

In Celebration of His New Life

†Vicente M. Taitano "Ben"

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Children: Cindy Lekka & Arizona Kerson (Mayann, Leilei & Gordon)
Vince Silva O. & Marcy C. Taitano (Neiwischeng)
Pavlovene Rose O. Taitano
Aliilola O. Taitano

Parents: †Maria Kapileo & †Dionicio Malus

Grand-parents: †Vicente I. & †Abelina Regina M. Taitano

Baptismal God-parents: †Santiago & †Josepha M. Camacho

Confirmation God-parent: †Juan Santos

Brothers/Sisters and in-laws:

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Abelina T. & †Daniel W. Iginoef
Rosa T. & Jose A. Lizama, Jr.
Edward T. & Julie Kapileo
†Enock T. Kapileo
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Daily Mass of intention is being offered at 6:00 a.m. except for Sunday, Mass will be offered at 7:30 a.m. Nightly rosary is being said 7:00 p.m. at San Jose Church.

On Monday, June 27, 2011, the body of our beloved Ben will be escorted from CHC at 7:30 a.m. to San Jose Church. Responso and Holy rosary will follow. The Eucharistic Celebration will be at 11:00 AM followed by burial service at C.K. cemetery.

Olomwaay, Si Yu'us Ma'ase & Thank you for all your prayers, time and gifts of love.

Neimwoscheligh, Children and the whole family

Life & Style

Galliano trial underlines fashion sector pressures

By JENNY BARCHFIELD
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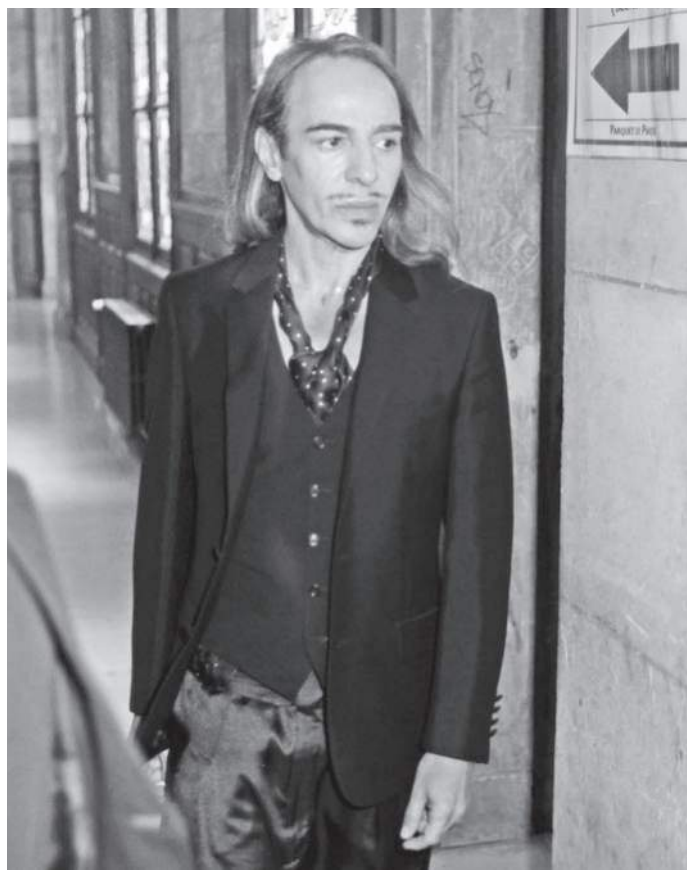
PARIS (AP)—Though the flamboyant former Dior designer John Galliano was the one on the stand, it was the multi-billion-dollar luxury industry that seemed to be on trial Wednesday in Paris as the disgraced designer blamed the sector's skyrocketing pressures for his unraveling.

Galliano is on trial for allegedly spewing anti-Semitic and racist remarks at strangers at a Paris cafe in two separate incidents. Facing charges of "public insults based on origin, religious affiliation, race or ethnicity" he could face up to six months in prison and up to €22,500 (\$32,175) in fines.

The prosecutors asked Wednesday for a fine of no less than €10,000 (\$14,400), but did not ask for jail time. A verdict is due Sept. 8.

In emotional testimony, the soft-spoken designer insisted he doesn't remember having made any anti-Semitic or racist rants, but acknowledged he was lost to alcohol and drug addictions when the alleged incidents took place, in February and late last year.

The 50-year-old designer has tangled with addiction before, but the latest bout started in 2007, as the global financial crisis forced labels to fight for their very lives. As Galliano's workload both at luxury super-nova Christian Dior—where he had worked since 1996—and at his small signature John Galliano label increased, he told the



Former Dior designer John Galliano arrives at the Paris court house, Wednesday June 22, 2011, charged with hurling anti-Semitic slurs in a Paris cafe - allegations that shocked the fashion world and cost him his job at the renowned French high-fashion house.

court he sought refuge in pills and alcohol.

"After every creative high, I would crash, and the alcohol helped me escape," he told the three-judge panel at the Paris Justice Palace. He said he also began to pop ever-rising numbers of sleeping pills and barbiturates—so many that he completely lost track of his consumption.

"I only just discovered in re-

hab what a lethal mix it was," said Galliano, who underwent a two-month-long treatment in Arizona after the incident. Asked whether he'd managed to break the addictions, the designer responded, "Yes, I'm still in recovery but I'm feeling much better."

Galliano's attorney, Aurelien Hamelle, was pursuing a two-pronged defense strategy, calling

Artist Ai Weiwei released by China, says he's fine

BEIJING (AP)—Renowned artist Ai Weiwei, the most high-profile target of a sweeping crackdown on activists in China, returned home late Wednesday after nearly three months in detention. Looking tired and thinner, he said the conditions of his release meant he could not talk more.

The official Xinhua News Agency said Ai confessed to tax evasion, accusations his family had long denied and which activists had denounced as a false premise for detaining him. He has spoken out strongly against the ruling Communist Party, and his family and supporters say he was being punished for speaking out about the communist leadership and social problems.

Ai, who had been taken away on April 3, walked through the gate of his suburban home studio shortly after 11 p.m. with his mother and wife. He said his health was fine and thanked reporters for their support outside his studio, but said he could not speak further.

"I'm sorry I can't (talk), I am on probation, please un-

derstand," Ai said, speaking in English.

The conditions appeared to extend also to Ai's family, although his mother told reporters she was relieved to see him again. "I'm so happy that my son is back," Gao Ying said.

The outspoken artist's detention had sparked an international outcry, with the United States and other countries saying it was a sign of China's deteriorating human rights situation.

That international condemnation, along with Ai's party connections as the son of one of China's most famous modern poets, had convinced authorities to strike a deal with Ai on his release, said Jerome Cohen, a top expert on Chinese law at New York University.

"As often happens with sensitive cases, it was too hot to handle and they had to find a way out," Cohen said by phone from New York City.

He said Ai was most likely released on a form of bail that restricts suspects' movements to their home city for one year. However, authorities can reopen the case at any time, meaning

Ai faces the ever-present threat of being detained again on the same accusations.

Despite that, Cohen said Ai's release under those terms was probably the best outcome that could be expected, given the degree to which he had angered those in power.

"It's quite a step back for the regime. It demonstrates the utility of large amounts of international attention, plus international connections that had been sufficient to keep him out of jail before," he said.

Ai's release might also have been a face-saving move, coming just days before Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao was due to travel to Hungary, Britain and Germany, countries where supporters of the artist have been vocal in their condemnation of his detention.

German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle was cautiously optimistic about Ai's release.

"That would be a big relief for the artist and his family, even though the reported circumstances of his release on bail continue to appear depressing," Westerwelle said in a written statement.

as witnesses customers of the cafe where the alleged incidents took place who said that though they'd been watching the altercations, they hadn't heard him make any racist remarks.

Contrition was the second prong. Galliano—who always ended his runway shows with a puff-chested lap down the runway, looking as proud and self-satisfied as a rooster—looked defeated at Wednesday's proceedings, his face drawn and deflated.

Speaking in a voice so wispy that the interpreter couldn't make out what he was saying, the designer repeatedly said he was sorry for whatever he might have said while under the influence.

"I apologize for the sadness

that this whole affair has caused, I apologize to the court as well," he said through his lawyer, who stepped in to translate his remarks from English into French. Still, Galliano was careful to maintain that he remembered no details about what he said during either incident.

However, the couple that contended Galliano accosted them while they were having a drink on a terrace of the hip La Perle cafe in Paris' central Marais district on Feb. 24 stuck firmly to their stories.

Though the specifics of the spat varied depending on who was telling it, most of the witnesses at the afternoon-long trial suggested the incident

was drawn out, with the couple shouting four-letter words at the designer while he gave them right back, in a softer voice.

The hundred-odd journalists packed into the stately courtroom tittered as presiding Judge Anne-Marie Sauteraud read a salty litany of swear words in English as well as their French translations off deposition records. "Shut up," and "you're ugly" were allegedly among Galliano's sole barbs that are fit to print.

One member of the couple allegedly insulted, Geraldine Bloch, told the court that Galliano pronounced the word "Jewish" in his insults "at least 30 times" in the approximately 45-minute-long altercation.

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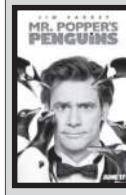


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Husband who works offshore chooses friends over his wife

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Ed," and I have been together for six years, married for two. This is the second marriage for both of us. We have children from our first marriages.

Ed works offshore. He's gone 21 days and here 21 days. The three weeks he's gone, I work, take care of the house and the kids, do the yard work, etc. When he comes home, I want him to myself the first weekend—I don't want to share him with his friends. I'd like to do fun things with him sometimes, just the two of us.

Ed says I have to understand his friends are important. He says I'm selfish and jealous. He doesn't show affection very well either (except behind closed doors), and I am a very affectionate person. Am I asking too much from him? I am considering counseling, but I'm unsure whether Ed would go.

BORED AND LONELY IN MISSISSIPPI

DEAR BORED AND LONELY: Counseling is an excellent idea, and if Ed won't go, you should go without him. Asking your husband to spend two days of one-on-one time with you when he returns from three weeks away isn't too much, and it's not selfish. He needs to reorganize his priorities and put you higher on the list than his buddies.

Affection is supposed to be spontaneous, and you shouldn't have to beg for it. What you describe going on behind closed doors sounds more like plain old sex and a whole lot less like affection. Unless your husband is willing to put more effort into your marriage, I can't see you living until death do you part on a starvation diet—and you can tell both your husband and your counselor I said so.

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DEAR ABBY: I know you get many letters from people who are unemployed, depressed and don't know how to climb out of the funk. I was laid off from my management position three weeks after giving birth to my first child. Talk about depressing.

After several months of recovering from a difficult birth, I contacted my local SPCA and began volunteering. Not only do I help by feeding and cleaning the kitties, but I am using my professional skills to help them with photography, graphic design and fundraising. I'm still looking for work and getting occasional interviews. And in those interviews, potential employers always seem impressed with my volunteer work.

I'm writing to encourage anyone who is unemployed to find charitable organizations to work with. Offer your professional skills. It is something to get up for and do during the day. It also looks good on your resume and makes you feel great.

UNPAID FOR NOW, BUT HAPPY IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR HAPPY: That's a valuable suggestion, and thank you for it. At this point, 13.9 million Americans are unemployed. Many suffer from depression because, through no fault of their own, they have been unable to find jobs. When people feel embarrassed, frustrated and angry, they tend to isolate themselves, which doesn't help and can be unhealthy.

The more connections you make, the greater your chances for finding permanent employment, because in the final analysis it's all about people and relationships. I wish you luck in your job search. Whoever hires you will be lucky to have you.

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DEAR ABBY: My brother often tells me that I'll "make a good wife someday." Is this an insult or a compliment?

BAFFLED IN BOSTON

DEAR BAFFLED: I'd consider it a compliment. An insult would be you'd make a LOUSY wife someday. However, whether it's meant as an insult or a compliment would depend upon your brother's opinion of the institution of marriage.

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Dear Abby

JK Rowling to reveal secret of 'Pottermore'

LONDON (AP)—Harry Potter fans are holding their collective breath as author J.K. Rowling gets set to reveal her latest project involving the boy wizard.

Rowling has called a news conference Thursday in London to reveal details of "Pottermore," a mysterious website that has been taunting fans with the words "coming soon."

Theories include a Harry Potter encyclopedia, e-book versions of the novels or an Internet-based game.

Several British newspapers received what appeared to be a

leaked marketing memo indicating the site is a Web-based game including a hunt for real magic wands. But Rowling spokeswoman Rebecca Salt said the memo, dated December 2010, was "an out of date document that got sent out by mistake" and that true details of the project would be revealed Thursday.

"Pottermore" was trademarked in 2009 by Warner Bros., which distributes the Potter movies, but Salt said the site was not directly linked to the latest film, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part 2," which has its world pre-

miere in London on July 7.

Rowling has not ruled out writing more books set in the Potter universe, but Salt has said that "Pottermore" is not a new book.

The trademark description suggests an interactive site "providing online chat rooms and electronic bulletin boards" and "online facilities for real-time interaction with other computer users concerning topics of general interest."

A leading Potter fan site, <http://www.the-leaky-cauldron.org>, said it had seen a preview of Pottermore and called it "breathtaking." The Harry

Potter books have sold about 450 million copies worldwide and spawned a hit movie franchise and a theme park. Forbes magazine has ranked Rowling as one of the richest women in Britain, with an estimated wealth of \$1 billion.

Lindsay Lohan due in court Thursday for probation review

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Los Angeles prosecutors say Lindsay Lohan will return to court Thursday so a judge can consider whether she violated her probation while serving house arrest.

District Attorney's spokeswoman Sandi Gibbons says

Lohan's case is expected to be called at 10 a.m., but no other details were available. She says her office has not received any documents laying out the specific allegations against the 24-year-old actress.

Her spokesman Steve Honig says he could not comment on the hearing.

Lohan has been on house arrest since last month. She had been expected to serve 35 days of a four-month sentence for violating her probation on a 2007 drunken driving case by taking a necklace from a store without permission.

Lohan resolved the theft case with a no contest plea in May.



Lohan

Police: 'Jackass' star drunk in fatal Pa. crash

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—"Jackass" star Ryan Dunn had a blood-alcohol content that was more than twice the legal limit when he and a passenger died in a fiery one-car crash this week, according to a toxicology report.

Dunn's Porsche may have been traveling as fast as 140 mph in a 55 mph zone when it jumped a guardrail, flew into a wooded ravine, struck a tree and burst into flames, police said.



Dunn

His blood-alcohol level was 0.196 at the time of the Monday morning crash, according to the toxicology report released Wednesday by West Goshen Township Police. The legal limit for drivers is .08.

Dunn, 34, and his passenger Zachary Hartwell, 30, died early Monday after they left a West Chester bar called Barnaby's of America. Hours before the crash, Dunn tweeted a photo from the bar of the pair and a

third man drinking. The photo has since been taken down.

Employees at the bar said Dunn was not visibly intoxicated at any point that night and surveillance video shared with police supported those observations, said Frank Heron, the bar's general manager.

"He spoke clearly. He walked clearly. He came in hop, skip, jumping. He left hop, skip, jumping," Heron told The Associated Press. "If these results are true, I'm shocked at it. We were very confident that he had not had that much."

Heron said the bar contacted the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board right after the death and was cooperating with state and local officials in the investigation.

According to court documents, Dunn was charged in April 2005 with driving under the influence after crashing his car in West Whiteland Town-

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Bieber, Minaj, Mars added to BET Awards lineup

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Justin Bieber, Queen Latifah, Gladys Knight, Bruno Mars and Nicki Minaj are coming to the BET Awards. BET Networks said Wednesday that the entertainers will appear on Sunday's ceremony, which will be broadcast live from the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles. They'll join a star-studded lineup set to include performances by Beyonce, Alicia Keys, Lil Wayne, Jill Scott, Drake and Mary J. Blige. The BET Awards honor the year's top actors, athletes and musicians. Chris Brown leads nominees with six nods, followed by Lil Wayne with five. Kanye West, Drake and Rihanna are up for four awards each. Minaj, Mars, Trey Songz, Cee Lo Green and B.o.B. also received multiple nominations.

Gere criticizes China over abuse in Tibet

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—American actor Richard Gere is taking a swipe at China for what he calls its widespread abuse of Tibetans. Gere is in Seoul to promote a Tibet-themed exhibition

of photos taken by him and other photographers. He's a practicing Buddhist and a longtime supporter of the Dalai Lama and Tibet. Gere said Wednesday at the Seoul Arts Center that it's impossible to look at the photographs and not feel Tibet's suffering. He said China's government is torturing and killing people in Tibet. China maintains that Tibet has been part of its territory for centuries. But many Tibetans say the region was functionally independent for much of its history. Gere's films include "Pretty Woman," "Unfaithful" and "Chicago," for which he won a Golden Globe.

Steve Guttenberg going to Broadway this fall

NEW YORK (AP)—Steve Guttenberg, Julie Kavner and Marlo Thomas will appear in "Relatively Speaking," three one-act plays by Woody Allen, Ethan Coen and Elaine May that are being bundled together on Broadway this fall. Guttenberg, the "Police Academy" star; Kavner, who supplies the voice of Marge Simpson on "The Simpsons"; and Thomas, the creator of the "Free to Be ... You and Me" series, will be in the

new mini plays to be directed by John Turturro. Others actors announced Wednesday include Caroline Aaron, Bill Army, Lisa Emery, Ari Graynor, Danny Hoch, Fred Melamed and Grant Shaud. "Relatively Speaking" will begin previews Sept. 20 at the Brooks Atkinson Theatre on 47th Street, and officially open on Oct. 20.

Pining for Loveswept novels? They're coming back

NEW YORK (AP)—A romance imprint that helped started the careers of such writers as Janet Evanovich and Tami Hoag is being revived. The Random House Publishing Group announced Wednesday that Loveswept will be back in business this summer as a digital-only imprint after a 12-year hiatus. Loveswept was highly popular in the 1980s and 1990s and will relaunch in August with eight new works. They include one by best-seller Iris Johansen. Popular Loveswept titles from the past will be re-issued and even the tagline will return: "Love stories you'll never forget by authors you'll always remember." Other Loveswept

authors have included Sandra Brown and Kay Hooper. Hoag is now known for her suspense novels and has credited Loveswept with making her a faster and more disciplined writer.

Glen Campbell diagnosed with Alzheimer's

NEW YORK (AP)—Country music legend Glen Campbell has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, and plans to put out his final album this summer. Campbell's representative Bobbie Gale made the announcement Wednesday. The disease is in its early stages. The 75-year-old's wife Kim also talked to People magazine and said they wanted to go public with his illness because they wanted fans to know if he has trouble onstage. Campbell's CD "Ghost on the Canvas" is scheduled for release Aug. 30. He also is to go on "The Glen Campbell Goodbye Tour." The Country Music Hall of Famer had pop and country hits with "Gentle on My Mind," "By the Time I Get to Phoenix," and perhaps his most famous song, "Rhinestone Cowboy." He also had his own TV show on CBS.

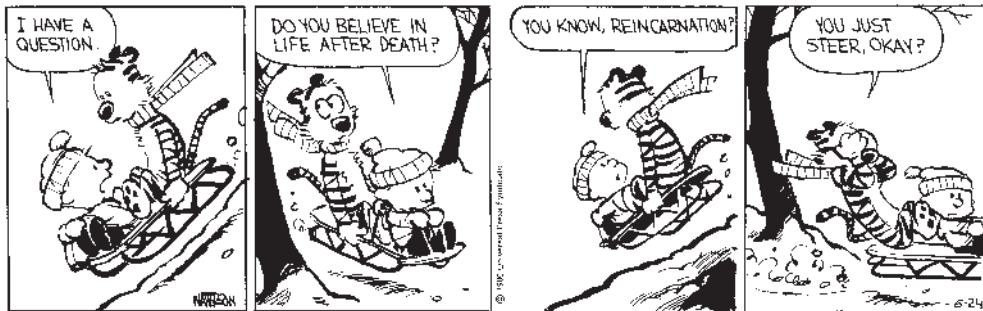
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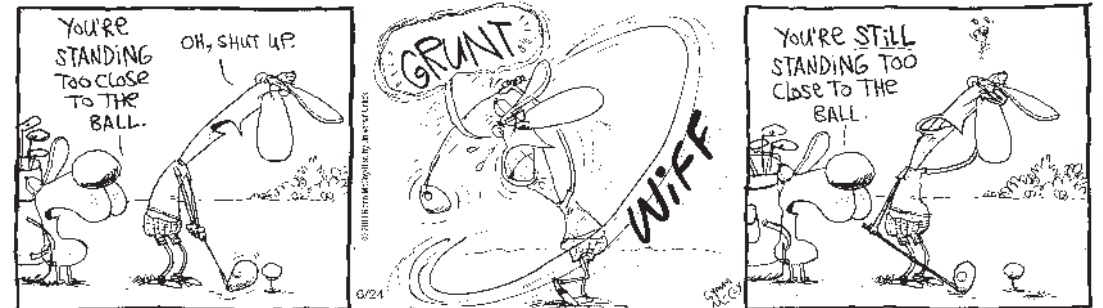
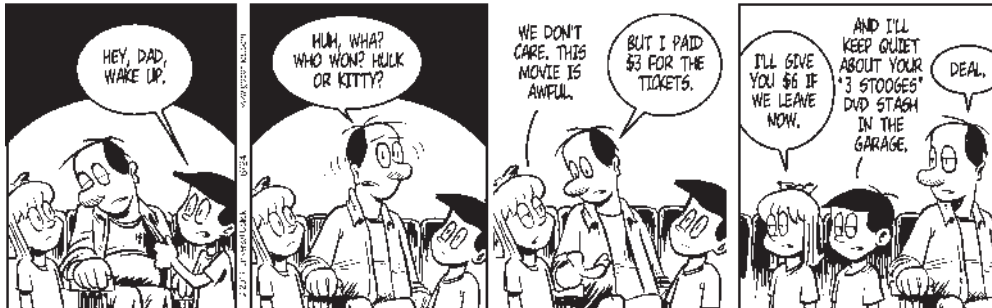


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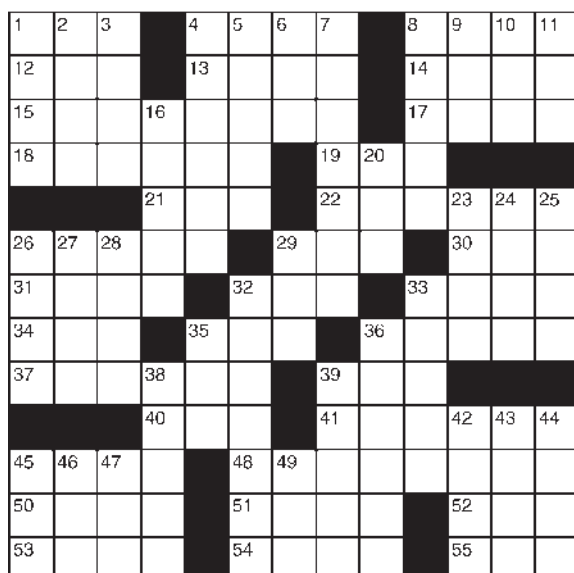


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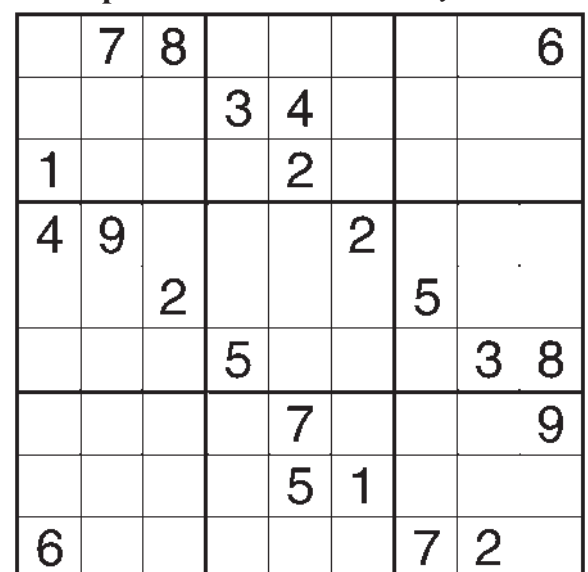
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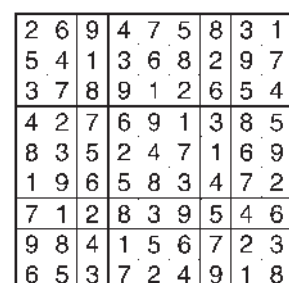


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1. Call to Order
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B. New Business.
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Venus Williams, Nadal, Roddick win at Wimbledon



WIMBLEDON, England (AP)—Time and again after losing a point,

Venus Williams rolled her eyes, slumped her shoulders and let out a shriek of dismay that echoed through Centre Court, reverberating off its roof.

Facing the most, uh, experienced woman in the Wimbledon field—40-year-old Kimiko Date-Krumm of Japan—Williams was mired in a three-set struggle that lasted nearly three hours Wednesday, a tight, high-quality contest brimming with the sort of at-the-net, classic grass-court play seen so rarely nowadays.

“She doesn’t play anywhere near her age,” Williams said.

In the end, Williams, a five-time champion at the All England Club, mustered every bit of her competitive drive and considerable talent to pull out a 6-7 (6), 6-3, 8-6 comeback victory over Date-Krumm and reach the third round.

“She played unbelievable today. I thought she had some luck on her side, too, with net cords, balls hitting lines. I just thought today was a perfect storm for her to try to get a win,” said Williams, who again wore her decidedly original lace romper, featuring draped sleeves, deep “V” neckline, gold belt and gold zipper.

“Thankfully,” Williams added, “I had some answers.”

None more effective than her serve, in the late-going, anyway. That stroke delivered 12 aces, helped Williams escape several jams and was clocked at 120 mph even in her final service game. Contrast that with Date-

Venus Williams of the US in action during the match against Japan’s Kimiko Date-Krumm at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon, Wednesday, June 22, 2011.

AP



Krumm’s serves, mostly about 80 mph. One was 65 mph.

Date-Krumm, who reached the Wimbledon semifinals in 1996, quit tennis later that year, then came out of retirement in

2008, marveled at Williams’ serve afterward, saying: “Not only speed - it’s on the corner. So it was very, very difficult to break her.”

Not at the outset, actually.

Date-Krumm won 13 of the first 16 points Williams served, breaking three times en route to a 5-1 lead. The 23rd-seeded Williams turned things around, taking five consecutive games

to go ahead 6-5. Williams then wasted a set point, and Date-Krumm eventually won the tie-breaker. In the second and third sets, though, Williams played much more cleanly, and she wound up winning by breaking in the final game.

It was hardly easy.

“Venus came out slow, and that girl took off like a brand new motor,” said Williams’ father and coach, Richard. His daughter missed time with a bum hip and is playing only her fourth tournament since Wimbledon in 2010.

On Tuesday, his other daughter, Serena, needed three sets to win, too. After ambling out of Centre Court this time, Dad tapped his umbrella’s wooden handle on his chest and said, referring to those matches: “They’re tough on the heart. The heart’s not as young as it once was.”

He wasn’t the only one toting an umbrella around the grounds Wednesday, when rain prevented any action until after 3 p.m., other than under the retractable roof at the main stadium. After Williams managed to sneak through, fans with Centre Court tickets had a chance to see easy wins for two-time champion Rafael Nadal, then three-time runner-up Andy Roddick.

The top-ranked Nadal beat Ryan Sweeting of the United States 6-3, 6-2, 6-4, compiling 38 winners and only seven unforced errors. In the third round, Nadal will face Gilles Muller of Luxembourg—the only man other than Roger Federer to beat him at Wimbledon in the past six years. Since losing to Muller in the second round in 2005, Nadal is 28-2 at the All

England Club; that includes defeats against Federer in the 2006 and 2007 finals, titles in 2008 and 2010, and missing the 2009 tournament with bad knees.

“Will be a big, big test for me,” Nadal said.

Roddick’s strong serve was clicking again in a 6-4, 6-3, 6-4 victory over Victor Hanesescu of Romania. The No. 8-seeded American hit 15 aces, saved the only break point he faced and limited his unforced errors to six—all with a special pair of fans sitting at Centre Court: his parents.

“This is the first time they’ve seen me play here. ... I think today was the first time they ever sat in a box in my entire career,” said Roddick, who won the 2003 U.S. Open. “They picked a good court to debut that on. I think they’re having fun.”

Other winners included No. 4 Andy Murray, No. 9 Gael Monfils and 72nd-ranked Alex Bogomolov Jr. of the United States, who reached the third round in his first trip to Wimbledon by knocking off No. 25 Juan Ignacio Chela of Argentina 6-0, 6-3, 6-4.

The only seeded woman to lose was No. 30 Bethanie Mattek-Sands of the United States, who caused a stir with her Lady Gaga-inspired jacket that had white tennis balls attached to it, then was beaten 6-4, 5-7, 7-5 by 133rd-ranked Misaki Doi of Japan.

When Mattek-Sands arrived at the court, she noticed a tour official scrutinizing her getup. So Mattek-Sands made clear her unusual accessory would be removed before warmup time.

“I’m not hitting any balls in it,” Mattek-Sands said. “Don’t worry.”

Cavs have options, starting with Irving at No. 1



NEW YORK (AP)—Just in case the Cleveland Cavaliers need it, here’s some advice for what to do with those two high picks.

Take Kyrie Irving first, grab Turkish big man Enes Kanter fourth, and start enjoying the postseason success you used to have when LeBron James was around.

“If I play with Kyrie, I believe we can make playoffs,” Kanter said Wednesday. “I know we can make playoffs.”

Or instead, pass on Irving and go with Arizona’s Derrick Williams, who can play inside or out, either forward spot, and would bring the mixture of power and athleticism back to your frontcourt that was lost when James left.

“I feel like I am the most overall ready in this spot by my size and ready to make an impact,” Williams said.

Even in what’s considered a less-than-stellar NBA draft, the Cavaliers have plenty of options Thursday night at the Prudential Center in Newark,

N.J., when they become the first team since the 1983 Houston Rockets with two picks in the top four.

They’re expected to start with Irving, considered the favorite since the Cavaliers won the lottery last month. Though the Duke point guard played just 11 games during his freshman season because of a toe injury on his right foot, the numbers he put in his limited time seem too good to pass up.

“It definitely feels good, you know, knowing that I’m still projected to go No. 1,” Irving said. “We’ll see how it goes tomorrow, but it’s an honor to be at the No. 1 spot right now.”

The 6-foot-2 guard averaged 17.5 points while shooting 53 percent from the floor, 46 percent from 3-point range and 90 percent from the foul line. He returned from his injury in time to play in the NCAA tournament—where his Blue Devils were overwhelmed by Williams in Arizona’s round of 16 victory—and he said that proves there should be no question about his health.

“Playing in the NCAA tournament was the deciding factor for me,” Irving said. “If I didn’t play in the NCAA tournament, I would have been back at Duke for my sophomore season. I just wanted to kind of limit all the questions on my health and durability.”

The Cavaliers also pick fourth—the No. 1 pick was acquired from the Los Angeles Clippers last season in the Baron Davis trade—giving them the ability to add a big man, perhaps Kanter or another from the lengthy list of Europeans available, if they selected Irving first.

They were still weighing their options as of Wednesday afternoon with their first No. 1 pick since taking James in 2003.

“They’re keeping their cards closely, as they should, and we’ll see how it goes tomorrow night,” Irving said.

Minnesota holds the No. 2 pick and seems open to dealing it. Utah has Nos. 3 and 12, the latter potentially putting the Jazz in the difficult position of deciding whether they want to keep BYU star Jimmer Fredette in state.

Fredette led the nation with 28.9 points per game and was honored by The Associated Press and nearly other organization that gives out a player of the year award. But he is perhaps the most scrutinized player in this draft full of question marks, with doubts over whether he has the quickness to get his shot off in the NBA or defend the much quicker guards he will face on a nightly basis.

Not to worry. Fredette says during his carefully devised workout schedule—he performed for only Utah, Sacramento, Indiana, New York and Phoenix—he gained confidence that his game will translate.

“I learned that I’m a very confident guy and that I can play against anyone,” Fredette said. “I feel like I can play all the guys out there, played against some of the toughest athletes and players that are guards in this draft. So it took away confidence and knowing that I can play in this league.”

The criticism of the draft’s strength is due largely to the NBA’s uncertain labor situa-

tion. With the collective bargaining agreement set to expire June 30 and owners and players far apart on a new deal, the possibility of a lockout and a shortened or canceled 2011-12 season remains.

Many of the players Wednesday were asked what they would do if their rookie seasons were placed on hold, but some likely lottery picks decided not to take the chance. Freshmen Harrison Barnes of North Carolina and Jared Sullinger of Ohio State are among the likely top-five selections who opted to stay in school.

So some guys who would have gone lower could end up in the top 10, but the players dismiss talk of a weak draft.

“If it’s weak, then hopefully I should go higher,” said Kemba Walker, who led Connecticut to the national championship.

“I think it’s a great draft class, honestly,” Walker added, while saying it’s not like the 2003 class that put James, Carmelo Anthony, Chris Bosh and Dwyane Wade in the top five.

“But we haven’t did anything

yet,” Walker said. “We didn’t get a chance to prove ourselves yet. So we’re definitely going to this league with a chip on our shoulder and try to prove everyone wrong.”

Walker and Kentucky’s Brandon Knight rank behind Irving on the list of available point guards. Jan Vesely of the Czech Republic and Lithuania’s Jonas Valanciunas are among the bigger options in a draft that could see the most Europeans taken in the first round since a record nine went in 2003.

Questions remained in the final hours before the draft. Potential lottery picks Marcus Morris of Kansas, Chris Singleton of Florida State and Klay Thompson of Washington State were unable to be in New York on Wednesday because they were still working out for other teams.

But Irving has no doubts about himself or his classmates.

“It’s definitely a great opportunity,” he said. “Honestly, I don’t pay attention to what people are saying about this draft. I really am confident in this draft class in that we’re all achieving our dreams. This is something a lot of people don’t get to experience.”

Another Lee shutout leads Phillies over Cards



ST. LOUIS
(AP)—Cliff Lee pitched his second

straight shutout to guide the Philadelphia Phillies to a 4-0 win over the St. Louis Cardinals in Wednesday's Major League Baseball action.

Jimmy Rollins homered, then Ryan Howard followed with a two-run shot as Philadelphia powered ahead in the fourth inning. Chase Utley added an eighth-inning sacrifice fly for the National League East-leading Phillies, who've won 10 of 12.

The Cardinals have totaled just two runs in their first two games without star slugger Albert Pujols, who is expected to miss six weeks with a fractured left wrist. It didn't help that they've faced two of the game's best pitchers in Roy Halladay and Lee, with Roy Oswalt to come Thursday as the Phillies go for the sweep.

St. Louis starter Kyle Lohse (7-4) worked eight innings to match his season best, allowing three runs and failing to get a single strikeout.

Rays 6, Brewers 3

In Milwaukee, Kelly Shoppach hit a two-run home run in the second and Elliot Johnson added a three-run shot in the seventh to power Tampa Bay over Milwaukee.

Rays starter David Price (8-6) struck out 10 in eight innings, giving up two runs and one walk. He threw 120 pitches and still was hitting 96 mph on the radar gun in the eighth.

B.J. Upton's RBI single gave Tampa Bay the lead in the sixth inning.

Brewers starter Shaun Marcum went only three innings after leaving his most recent start with a hip flexor injury. Reliever Marco Estrada (1-5) lost.

Yankees 4, Reds 2, 1st game Reds 10, Yankees 2, 2nd game

In Cincinnati, Jorge Posada ended the second-longest homer drought of his career, connecting on a two-run shot that helped New York down Cincinnati in the opening game of a double-header.

Posada's tiebreaking homer in the sixth off Mike Leake (6-4) ended his stretch of 126 at-bats without one.

New York matched its season high with four straight wins.

Yankees starter Freddy Garcia (6-6) gave up two unearned runs in seven innings.

In the second game, Reds leadoff hitter Chris Heisey homered three times, getting Cincinnati's slumping lineup going.

Heisey hit his first career leadoff homer. He also had two-run shots off Brian Gordon (0-1) and Hector Noesi in his first multihomer game.



Philadelphia Phillies starting pitcher Cliff Lee, right, is congratulated by teammate catcher Carlos Ruiz after throwing a complete game to defeat the St. Louis Cardinals 4-0 in a baseball game on Wednesday, June 22, 2011, in St. Louis.

He became the third Reds player to homer three times in the leadoff spot, joining Pete Rose and Jay Bruce.

Cincinnati starter Johnny Cueto (5-2) gave up two runs, and pitched out of a bases-loaded threat in the seventh, retiring Posada on a groundout to preserve a 4-1 lead.

Braves 5, Blue Jays 1

In Atlanta, Brandon Beachy had a career-high 11 strikeouts in his return from the disabled list as Atlanta completed a sweep of Toronto.

Beachy (2-1) had been on the disabled list for almost six weeks with a strained left oblique. After one rehab appearance in the minors, the rookie returned to the Braves with a flourish, eclipsing his previous best of nine strikeouts.

He had the Blue Jays completely baffled over his six-inning stint, getting all but one of his Ks on swinging strikes.

Dan Uggla and Brian McCann hit two-run homers for Atlanta.

Toronto starter Jo-Jo Reyes (3-6) took the loss.

Indians 4, Rockies 3

In Cleveland, Josh Tomlin came through with another quality outing to direct Cleveland to a tight win over Colorado.

Tomlin (9-4) allowed five hits in 6 1-3 innings. He has gone at least six innings in 14 of 15 starts, and a minimum of five in all 27 as a major leaguer.

Indians designated hitter Travis Hafner, sorely missed by the Indians when he was on the disabled list, hit a two-run homer in the sixth off Jason Hammel (4-7).

Cleveland closer Chris Perez retired Ty Wigginton—who

earlier hit a two-run shot in the seventh to get the Rockies close—to end the game with the potential tying run on second, notching his 18th save.

Padres 5, Red Sox 1

In Boston, San Diego overcame Boston in a game delayed four times by rain then eventually stopped before the bottom of the eighth.

Will Venable hit a leadoff home run for the Padres, who entered the game with the league's worst batting average. They made the most of their seven hits, and benefitted from wildness by Red Sox starter John Lackey (5-6).

San Diego starter Clayton Richard (3-9) lasted through both of the delays during the game, giving up one run over five innings to snap a personal five-game losing streak.

Tigers 7, Dodgers 5

In Los Angeles, Casper Wells opened the game with one of four home runs by Detroit, which outgunned Los Angeles.

Miguel Cabrera, Magglio Ordonez and Don Kelly also homered for the Tigers, while Austin Jackson made an over-the-shoulder catch on Dioner Navarro's bases-loaded drive for the final out.

Detroit reliever Al Alburquerque (4-1) struck out four in 2 1-3 innings to take the win.

Dodgers starter Ted Lilly (5-7) gave up six runs in 4 2-3 innings.

Nationals 2, Mariners 1

In Washington, John Lannan and Washington found yet another novel way to keep their winning ways going, beating Seattle with a pair of unearned runs.

The Nationals scored in the first and fourth with the help of errors to win for the 10th time in 11 games.

The win puts Washington at .500 for the first time this late in a season since its inaugural season in the nation's capital in 2005.

Lannan (5-5) allowed one run over 5 2-3 innings. Drew Storen pitched the ninth for his 18th save.

Mariners starter Erik Bedard (4-5) got a hard-luck loss for a superb night's work, which included 10 strikeouts; the most he's had in three years.

Diamondbacks 3, Royals 2

In Kansas City, Ian Kennedy pitched six strong innings to help Arizona edge Kansas City.

Kennedy (8-2) allowed one run to lower his ERA to 2.90.

The NL West-leading Diamondbacks scored three runs on four hits in the fifth against Jeff Francis (3-8). Xavier Nady's double down the left-field line scored Wily Mo Pena with the first run.

Willie Bloomquist, who played last year for the Royals, singled home Miguel Montero and Ryan Roberts' sacrifice bunt scored Nady with the final run.

Arizona closer J.J. Putz worked a scoreless ninth to pick up his 19th save in 22 opportunities.

Giants 5, Twins 1

In San Francisco, the hosts ended Minnesota's season-best eight-game winning streak.

Giants starter Ryan Vogelsong (5-1) allowed only one unearned run in seven innings. He would lead the majors with a 1.73 ERA if he'd had enough innings pitched; a criterion he should reach with his next start.

Eli Whiteside hit a triple and a single for San Francisco, which

won its first game in six.

Twins starter Nick Blackburn (6-5) suffered his first loss in almost two months.

Pirates 5, Orioles 4

In Pittsburgh, Baltimore's Blake Davis made an error in his major league debut, allowing Pittsburgh to score the tying and go-ahead runs.

Josh Harrison's ground ball toward second base, with two outs and runners on second and third, in the fifth went through Davis' legs, and Brandon Wood and Michael McKenry scored on the error.

Andrew McCutchen had two hits, a run and an RBI for Pittsburgh, which moved back to .500.

Pirates starter Kevin Correia (9-6) tied for the major league lead in victories, while Joel Hanrahan became just the third Pittsburgh pitcher to ever record 20 saves before the All-star break.

Baltimore starter Zach Britton (6-5) has won only once since May 1. The rookie allowed five runs in seven innings. However, he also went 2 for 3 with the bat, meaning Orioles pitchers are 7 for 15 this season.

Mets 3, Athletics 2, 13 innings

In New York, Oakland pitcher Brad Ziegler hit New York's Justin Turner with a pitch with two outs in the 13th inning to force in the winning run, and the A's six-game winning streak ended.

Lucas Duda had a one-out single in the 13th off Ziegler (2-1). Daniel Murphy singled to left. After the second out, an intentional walk loaded the bases, and Turner then was grazed on the left thigh with

Ziegler's first pitch.

Mets reliever Bobby Parnell (2-1) pitched one inning in a rain-delayed game that took 4 hours and ended after midnight.

Angels 6, Marlins 5, 10 innings

In Miami, Mark Trumbo hit a two-out RBI single in the 10th inning, and an uncharacteristic succession of clutch hits helped Los Angeles beat Florida.

Bobby Abreu walked to lead off the 10th against Burke Badenhop (1-1) and took second on a groundout. Trumbo came up with his third hit of the game when his hard grounder took a hop past the shortstop and a sliding Abreu scored.

The Angels went 5 for 14 with runners in scoring position after going 2 for 26 in those situations in the first two games of the series.

The Marlins have lost 12 consecutive games decided by one run, a franchise worst. They're 2-20 in June, tying the franchise record for most losses in a month, and 1-2 since 80-year-old Jack McKeon took over as interim manager.

Angels right fielder Torii Hunter left the game in the fifth inning with bruised ribs after hitting the wall while making a running catch.

Angels reliever Jordan Walden (1-1) got the win and Michael Kohn pitched a perfect 10th for his first save in two chances.

Astros 5, Rangers 3

In Arlington, Texas, Matt Downs had a tiebreaking two-run homer in the ninth inning to lift Houston over state rival Texas.

The Astros had four runs off Rangers closer Neftali Feliz (0-1). Carlos Lee greeted Feliz with a double and scored on a double by Chris Johnson before a single by Jason Michaels. Johnson scored on a passed ball before Downs' homer; the first by any Astros player in nine games.

Houston's Mark Melancon (5-1) pitched a perfect ninth to end it and take the win.

White Sox 4, Cubs 3

In Chicago, Jake Peavy returned to get the victory, guiding the White Sox over their Chicago crosstown rival.

Peavy (3-1), returning from a groin strain, went 5 1-3 innings, leaving after giving up a homer and three straight singles that pulled the Cubs within a run.

Reliever Chris Sale loaded the bases but induced a grounder to end the inning, and White Sox closer Sergio Santos pitched the ninth with two strikeouts for his 14th save in 16 chances.

Cubs starter Doug Davis (1-6) allowed four runs in five innings, including a two-run triple by A.J. Pierzynski.

The White Sox have won 17 straight interleague series.

Source: NFL owners, players meet again

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NFL owners and players met in the Boston area Wednesday in the latest attempt to work out a new collective bargaining agreement, a person with knowledge of the talks told The Associated Press.

Commissioner Roger Goodell and members of his labor committee resumed negotiations with players' association chief DeMaurice Smith and several players on Wednesday. A day earlier, NFL owners were briefed on recent progress about a new CBA.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the negotiations are confidential.

One NFL player told the AP that the NFLPA told him progress is being made "but there's still maybe two weeks to go" before a settlement is likely. The player also spoke on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to speak for the players association.

The main topic of discussion is the breakdown of total revenues. One person told the AP on Tuesday that the players' share would approach the 50 percent the NFLPA has said it has received throughout the last decade. But the expense credits—about \$1 billion last year—

that the league takes off the top would disappear.

Also, there would no longer be "designated revenues" from which the players would share, the person said. Instead, the players would share from the entire pie, which they project will grow significantly over the course of the new CBA, which is expected to run anywhere from six to 10 years. So if they are taking 48 percent or more of a much higher revenue stream - without the initial NFL deduction for operating expenses - the players still would receive far more money than they got under the previous agreement.

A salary floor keeping teams within 90 percent of the cap also would be included. The players have been concerned that some teams whose revenue streams don't match up with the richer clubs would try to hold down salary spending, but the proposal would require the full salary cap spending to be in cash.

Both sides remained optimistic about reaching an agreement after owners were briefed on many details of a new CBA, and they did not carry their Chicago meeting into a second day.

"There's a lot of work to be done," Indianapolis Colts owner Jim Irsay said at those meetings. "It can be done, it's something we have to keep working at. Every day closer hopefully, that's the goal."

The owners' lockout of the players began March 12. Training camps are scheduled to open in late July, and the Baltimore Ravens on Wednesday became the first team to change its pre-season plans. The Ravens will train at their facility near Baltimore rather than at McDaniel College in Winchester, Md.

The owners spent five hours Tuesday listening to updates on various CBA issues. Afterward, the league's chief negotiator Jeff

Pash said "we're eager to accelerate the pace of the negotiations."

Goodell said ownership is "united and determined to reach an agreement and have a full 2011 season. The ownership has a better understanding of the framework (of a new CBA)."

Several owners were expected to have objections to some of the proposals. Goodell was asked if there was a consensus among owners, to which he replied that "is a little deceiving

because we don't have an agreement" with the players.

Both sides sound eager to find common ground rather than return to court. A U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals is considering the league's appeal of a lower-court injunction that originally blocked the lockout. That injunction is on hold, and a ruling could come anytime.

Instead, the owners and players have ramped up their talks, and the meetings in New Eng-

land are the fourth over the last four weeks. They also met near Chicago, in the New York area and on the Maryland shore.

"You always have incentive," Irsay said of getting a deal done sooner rather than later. "I remember '87, '82. You always have incentive ... but it's a process, and you have to let the process work and keep working through it. But I know it's better when you have labor peace on both sides."

Storms hit Kentucky Derby track; horses, humans OK

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—The famed Churchill Downs horse race track, longtime home to the running of the Kentucky Derby, was hit by a possible tornado Wednesday, knocking down parts of barns and chasing out horses that ran loose before being corralled.

Hours after the storm hit, officials had no reports of injuries to humans or horses at the track that draws the attention of horse racing fans worldwide the first Saturday of each May.

Elsewhere in the city, high water from torrential rains briefly trapped a couple of people in their cars, a mayor's spokesman said, and a hospital reported that it treated two patients hit by falling trees.

The National Weather Service

said radar tracked a confirmed tornado south of downtown near the track and the University of Louisville campus about 8:10 p.m. Though no races are run on Wednesdays, a simulcast of races elsewhere was being shown at the track, and a Texas Hold 'em poker tournament was being held, officials said.

At least nine of the track's 48 backside barns were damaged, as was the chapel. The barn damage, displacing about 200 horses, was in an area of the track where workers live in apartments above barns. One barn was flooded by a water main break.

"It's a hell of a mess back here," track spokesman John Asher said of the barn area where the damage was concentrated.

Louisville fire Capt. Salva-

dor Melendez said safe areas were found for the horses overnight at the track. The track said it was arranging for the possible evacuation of about 150 horses to the nearby state fairgrounds. Keeneland Racetrack in Lexington also offered stall space if needed, Asher said.

The powerful winds also damaged living quarters for about 100 people who work in the stable area, and arrangements were being made to provide them temporary shelter, the track said.

Much of the track was spared, including the iconic twin spires above the clubhouse overlooking the finish line that were apparently not damaged, said track President Kevin Flanery.

"Clearly we've got several barns with significant damage

and we're just trying to make sure people and the animals are safe first," Flanery said.

Security guards told reporters that some horses had gotten loose for a time but were later caught. At least 1,300 horses were stabled at Churchill, said vice president of racing Donnie Richardson.

Several people taking part in the poker tournament said they saw the rotation in the clouds and then saw swirling winds touch down along the backstretch and skip diagonally through the barn area, Asher said.

"Clearly in their eyes it was a tornado," Asher said. A National Weather Service team will determine whether a tornado or straight line winds did the damage.

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Chamolinian softball league finals tonight

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SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Four teams will go for all the marbles tonight, as the 2nd Budweiser Chamolinian Softball Association Slow-pitch League holds two championship matches at the Capital Hill Ballfield.

In the first title game at 6:30pm, Man Amigos will take on Natibu in the men's division. Man Amigos have the twice-to-

beat advantage in the finals after winning their first two games in the double-elimination playoffs.

The third-seeded Man Amigos first dueled the six-ranked G-Ballers on June 7 and won. Then on June 9, Man Amigos were pitted against the second-seeded Phat Boyz and pulled off an upset to arrange a winner's bracket semis duel against Natibu.

Natibu took the league's pennant and was seeded first in the upper half of the eight-team playoffs. It easily past the last-ranked Berdax and then



► Nokki Saralu, seen here waiting for a pitch, plays for Natibu, which will duel Man Amigos tonight in the men's division finals of the Chamolinian league at the Capital Hill Ballfield.

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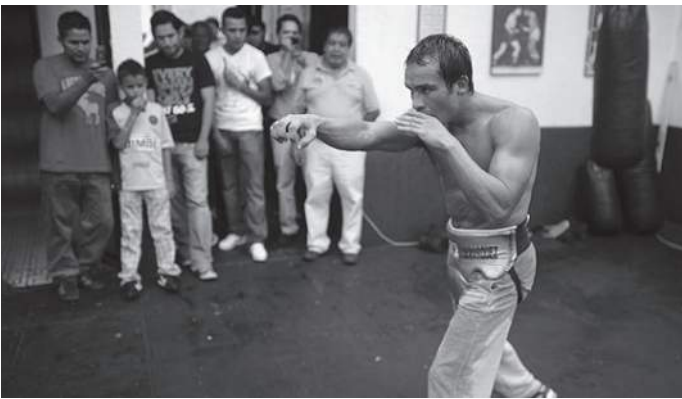
Juan Manuel Marquez 'now ready' for Pacquiao

BOXING

MANILA—Hall of fame trainer Ignacio "Nacho" Beristain believes he has devised a fight plan to finally shame Manny Pacquiao.

He said all his prized ward Juan Manuel Marquez needs to do is execute the strategy perfectly to exact revenge on the Filipino pound-for-pound king in their third showdown on Nov. 12 in Las Vegas.

In a recent interview with FightHub TV, Beristain surmised that it would take a "quick fighter, not fast with the hands and feet, but with the



Juan Manuel Marquez, seen here in a file photo shadow boxing, will face Manny Pacquiao for a third time on Nov. 12 in Las Vegas.

mind and reflexes" to solve the Pacquiao riddle.

The trainer said Marquez and

Floyd Mayweather Jr., who are both regarded by fight pundits as intelligent and methodical

fighters, can execute his plan.

Marquez nearly proved Beristain right in his first two fights against Pacquiao—in 2004, which ended in a draw, and 2008, which the Filipino won by split decision.

Beristain acknowledged, though, that Pacquiao has become stronger, bigger and a more technical fighter, making Marquez's task of ending the Filipino's five-year ring dominance doubly hard.

"Pacquiao is very difficult to beat," Beristain told the Spanish TV show 'Golpe a Golpe,' in 2009. "If it was difficult before, imagine now." (*PDI*)

FIFA

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I've been lucky enough to be a part of the CNMI women's national soccer team for the past five years and have gotten to travel to places like Japan and Taiwan to play in tournaments. Teams like South Korea, Chinese-Taipei, and Hong Kong were absolutely amazing

(we lost significantly to each of them), and those teams didn't even qualify for the World Cup. The level at which these women play is pretty remarkable. Brazil's Marta is one of the most impressive soccer players I've ever seen. She is a true Brazilian soccer player; her footwork is impeccable, her speed is lightning-quick, and it really does seem like she's dancing on the ball. Hope Solo, the United

State's main goalkeeper, is, in my opinion, the best in the world. She's great with the ball at her feet for a goalkeeper. In fact, teams going against the United States often simulate her goal kicks and punts by practicing with a male goalkeeper. She is powerful, explosive, and can often make the impossible save possible. Other players to look out for are England's Kelly Smith, Germany's Birgit Prinz,

Canada's Christine Sinclair, United State's Abby Wambach, and many, many others.

Top teams such as the United States, Brazil, Germany, Japan, Norway, and Sweden are all favorites to make it far in the tournament, but unlike World Cups in the past, the competition is better than ever. Expected to be the best Women's World Cup yet, this every four-year tournament is surely one not to be missed.

CNMI

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the Guam-Belau tiff in today's finals. Guam is unbeaten in the tournament, notching its third win against Palau last Wednesday, 94-43.

The CNMI finished second to Guam in the girls division after a 58-point win over Belau. Rachel Abrams and Jeraldine Castillo joined forces in the

Commonwealth's demolition of the host's second team, exploding for 27 and 24 points, respectively.

Kayoko Ellis paced the losing squad with eight points, while Trinity Misech chipped in four.

In the boys division, the CNMI also made it to the semis, taking the last and spot after completing the round-robin play with a 1-3 record.

The Commonwealth's cagers took a break last Wednesday

and were set to challenge No. 1 seed Guam in the first semis match slated at 3pm yesterday. The No. 2 pick Palau (3-1) and third-seeded Guahan (2-2) were paired in the other semis game set for 7pm last night.

Guam completed a 4-0 sweep of the elimination round after beating sister team Guahan, 85-49. Kurtis Silvia led Guam's fourth win, hitting 14 points, while Jose Candosa logged 11. No Guahan player scored

in double figures, as Jason Frias, Alliuirel Grape, and Geo Quichocho only managed eight points apiece.

Palau also won the battle of sister teams, topping Belau, 85-58, in the last day of the elimination round. Marvic Ngchar had 26 for Palau, which also drew 15 points from Daniel Carlos. Medermel Yaoch top-scored for the eliminated Belau with 23 markers, while Cody Ngiraungil added 14.

MIEKO

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for me and that makes me excited. My nieces are excited and the older one wants to run with me. She is only 7 years old," Carey said in an email to *Saipan Tribune*.

Carey was scheduled to leave Kansas yesterday and return to Saipan today. She will

take several days off before resuming her preparation for Kaike. The XTERRA World Championship-bound Carey needs to rest for a while to recover her strength after racing in Japan and Kansas.

She finished the 20-km up and downhill MTB race in Fuji in 1:42:12 despite breaking her chain in the last 200m of the event. Carey had to walk her bike to the finish line. A day be-

fore the race, she crashed while practicing the course.

Then in Kansas, she raced in pain but managed to complete the 1.2-mile swim, 56-mile bike, and a 13.1-mile run in 5:25:13, which is better than her 5:31:17 in 2008.

"After the Kansas Ironman, my was body was in pain. I know I am not young enough to do back-to-back races in one week. Before the race, I told

Kevin I will stop if I feel pain, but I continued. It is a big challenge when your body is telling you to stop, but your mind says otherwise," Carey said.

Despite her struggles in Kansas, Carey still had a respectable finish, coming in at 11th place out of 65 finishers in the women's 30 to 34 age group. Twenty-one others in her division failed to complete the race.

thumped the fifth-placed Your Balls in the quarterfinals. In the semis, Natibu bowed to Man Amigos, dropping the former to the loser's bracket.

Natibu went on to force a rematch against Man Amigos after surviving Phat Boyz in the last semis match. A win in Game 1 in the finals tonight will allow Natibu to extend the title duel to a deciding Game 2 at 8:30pm.

In the women's division it will be Check It out versus Sakudi with the latter holding a twice-to-beat edge in the finals.

Sakudi won the women's pennant and drew a bye in the first round of the double-elim-

ination playoffs. Sakudi then defeated Proa, which downed T&C Clan in the opening round, to advance to the semis against Check It Out, which prevailed against Enamo Meta.

In the winner's bracket semis, Sakudi triumphed, while Check It Out fell to the loser's bracket and faced Enamo Meta. Check It Out prevailed in the must-win playoff to earn a second crack at Sakudi.

Game 1 of the women's finals is set for 7:30pm. Game 2, if necessary, will be played at 9:30pm. Awards ceremony and banquet will take place once the two title showdowns are completed.

YVONNE

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track and field team member placed second in the qualifying heat behind Australia's Madeleine Powell (12.28 seconds), beat two tough Papua New Guinea runners, and advanced to the finals. Ten runners joined the race and only eight made it to the finals.

In the finals, Bennett dropped to third overall and second in the junior division after completing the race in 12.59 seconds, just a second behind second placer and PNG's Helen Philemon (12.58 seconds). Philemon submitted 12.66 seconds in the qualifier and lost to Bennett. Powell ruled the event with a slower time (12.34 seconds) than her preliminary clocking.

In the second day of the tournament last Wednesday (Thursday on Saipan), the 21-year-old Bennett had another record-breaking run in 200m race. She logged in at 25.67 seconds, eclipsing both the CNMI and Micronesian records (26.41 seconds), which she also posted in Palau last year during the Micro Games.

Micronesia's fastest woman placed second in the qualifying heat behind PNG's Van-

essa Waro (25.50 seconds) and finished ahead of nine other runners. She marched into the finals, which was scheduled last night.

Bennett is one of the four CNMI athletes competing in the Oceania championship. The list also includes Sylvan Rangamar, Ryan Ichihara, and Clayton Kenty. The three male athletes left Saipan for Samoa last Friday, while Bennett came all the way from Boise, Idaho and traveled alone to the host country.

Ichihara competed in the 100m race and missed the finals by only two notches. He timed in at 11.96 seconds to finish ninth in the field. Only seven runners advanced to the finals. PNG's Kupun Wisil topped both the heat and finals with similar times of 10.96 seconds.

Ichihara also ran in the 200m race and this time he qualified in the finals after posting 24.60 seconds (seventh best).

Kenty participated in the men's 400m hurdles last Wednesday and finished third in the junior division and sixth overall with a time of 61.28 seconds. Rangamar also had his first event in the second day of the competition and came in at fifth in the discus throw after recording 31.15 meters.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE									
East Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB					
Boston	44	30	.595	—		St. Louis	40	35	.533 1/2
New York	43	30	.589	1/2		Cincinnati	39	37	.513 2
Tampa Bay	41	34	.547	3 1/2		Pittsburgh	37	37	.500 3
Toronto	36	39	.480	8 1/2		Chicago	30	44	.405 10
Baltimore	33	39	.458	10		Houston	28	48	.368 13
Central Division									
Cleveland	40	33	.548	—		West Division			
Detroit	40	35	.533	1		Arizona	41	34	.547 —
Chicago	37	39	.487	4 1/2		San Francisco	40	34	.541 1/2
Minnesota	32	40	.444	7 1/2		Colorado	37	37	.500 3 1/2
Kansas City	31	43	.419	9 1/2		Los Angeles	34	42	.447 7 1/2
						San Diego	32	44	.421 9 1/2
West Division									
Texas	40	36	.526	—		Yesterday's Games			
Seattle	37	37	.500	2		Pittsburgh 5, Baltimore 4			
Los Angeles	37	39	.487	3		N.Y. Yankees 4, Cincinnati 2, 1st game			
Oakland	34	41	.453	5 1/2		Cincinnati 10, N.Y. Yankees 2, 2nd game			
NATIONAL LEAGUE									
East Division									
Philadelphia	47	28	.627	—		Atlanta 5, Toronto 1			
Atlanta	43	33	.566	4 1/2		San Diego 5, Boston 1 innings			
Washington	37	37	.500	9 1/2		Tampa Bay 6, Milwaukee 3			
New York	36	38	.486	10 1/2		Detroit 7, L.A. Dodgers 5			
Florida	33	42	.440	14		Cleveland 4, Colorado 3			
Central Division									
Milwaukee	41	35	.539	—		Washington 2, Seattle 1			
						L.A. Angels 6, Florida 5, 10 innings			
						N.Y. Mets 3, Oakland 2, 13 innings			
						Houston 5, Texas 3			
						Arizona 3, Kansas City 2			
						Chicago White Sox 4, Chicago Cubs 3			
						Philadelphia 4, St. Louis 0			
						San Francisco 5, Minnesota 1			

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Yvonne shatters records in Samoa



Yvonne Bennett, center, seen here leading in the 100m race in the 2010 Micronesian Games in Palau, crushed both the CNMI records in the 100m and 200m races during the 2011 Oceania Regional Championships in Apia, Samoa.

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CNMI sprinter Yvonne Bennett had record runs in the 2011 Oceania Regional Championships in Apia, Samoa.

Bennett timed in at 12.52 seconds in the qualifying heat for the 100m run last Tuesday

(Wednesday on Saipan) at Apia Park to crush both the CNMI and Micronesian records, which

she both owned. The Commonwealth sprinter clocked in at 12.68 seconds in the 100m run in the 2010 Micronesian Games in Palau, setting new CNMI national and Micronesian marks.

The Boise State University

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CNMI teams make semis in MBT

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The CNMI advanced to the semifinals of both the girls and boys divisions of the 2011 U15 Micronesian Basketball Tournament being played at the Palau National Stadium.

The Commonwealth's cage-belles took the No. 2 seed in the playoffs after whipping Belau, 76-18, last Wednesday, and finishing the round-robin competition with a 2-1 record. The Connie Camacho-coached squad absorbed its lone loss at the hands of Guam during the opening day, 36-86.

In the semis, the CNMI girls team was scheduled to face Palau at 5pm yesterday. The Commonwealth bets were favored to beat the host's first team, as they routed Palau in the preliminary round, 46-39.

The winner of the second semis game between Palau and the CNMI will duel the victor of

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Rachel Abrams, seen here in action for the MHS Lady Dolphins during their game against the Kagman Lady Ayuyus in the MISO caging early this year, scored 27 points in the CNMI's 76-18 win over Belau in the 2011 U15 Micronesian Basketball Tournament at the Palau National Stadium last Wednesday.

Mieko prepares for Kaike

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After two grueling races early this month, CNMI triathlete Mieko Carey is up for another tough competition in the 31st Annual Annual Kaikie Triathlon Championships.

Carey, who joined the 2011 JCF Mountain Bike Japan Series 2 in Nagano on June 4 and then traveled to Kansas for the 2011 Ironman Kansas 70.3 a week after, will be the Commonwealth's lone representative to Kaikie. The triathlon event in Japan's Tottori Prefec-

ture will be held on July 17.

It will be the 33-year-old triathlete's third appearance in Kaikie. She debuted in the 3-kilometer swim, 145-km bike, and 42.195-km full marathon race in 2009 and timed in at 8:22:35 to finish 62nd out of 821 participants. Last year, Carey competed in Kaikie with Tinian triathlete Joshua Manglona and the former placed third in the women's division and 43rd overall among 850 finishers after submitting 9:56:38.

"I am going to Kaikie to represent Saipan. Unfortunately, I am the only one going to Japan, but my family will be there to support and cheer

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Mieko Carey shows the finisher medal she got after completing Ironman Kansas on June 11.

2011 FIFA Women's World Cup

The 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup, the sixth since its first in 1991, consists of 16 teams, all vying for the coveted World Cup championship. The Germans have won the past two Cups, in 2003 and 2007 respectively, while the United States won it in 1991 and 1999, and Norway in 1995.

I've been a fan of the United States Women's National soccer team since I was at least 6 years old. I remember dressing up as Mia Hamm, one of the most famous female soccer players, in first grade for Halloween and pretending to be her on the soccer field. I remember being 6 years old,

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watching the U.S. win the World Cup in front of 90,000 fans at the Rose Bowl stadium. I remember, as so many of us do, Brandi Chastain ripping her jersey off after scoring the winning penalty kick. I remember wishing and hoping to someday be in the crowd, to watch and scream along

with the other American supporters. Now, on June 28, I'll be one of thousands watching as the USA take on North Korea in their group match opener. I will be in Germany for the next month, following the United States on their quest to win a third World Cup.

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